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Who's Who and What's What

Due to temperance education, they tell us that Belgians now consume only one-third as much beer as thirty (30) years ago.

Van Winkle Church last Sunday observed the Lord's supper, administered the ordinance of baptism, and received three new members.

The church at Pearson is building a parsonage and will locate a pastor on the field. Brother Robertson of Meridian is expected to locate here in a few weeks.

Pastor J. P. Colvin welcomed three new members at Verona last Sunday. A church committee was appointed to plan for organization of a B. T. U. Sunday school attendance 45.

Luther J. Holcomb, Nashville, Tennessee, has just closed a special series of services with the First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga. Dr. R. Paul Caudill is the pastor.

Dr. B. F. Hasty representing the Relief and Annuity Board in Dallas spoke to the church in Philadelphia Sunday morning, at Jackson in the afternoon and at Hazlehurst in the evening.

Mr. Wm. Hall Preston, Associate Secretary of the Southern B. S. U., was in Jackson and Raymond and Clinton last week looking after the students in our schools. The B. S. U. not only has a plan of work, but works its plan.

The church at Clinton passed resolutions petitioning the state legislature to prevent the passage of any law favoring the sale of liquor, and urging the passage of such laws as will reduce the perils of liquor drinking.

Dr. A. Hamilton Reid, for seven years pastor of South Avondale Church, Birmingham, becomes Vice President of Howard College. His business will be to raise \$500,000 for buildings and improvements on the college campus.

We grieve with the Grenada Church and Pastor G. E. Wiley in the loss by fire last week of their handsome church building. The loss is estimated at \$75,000, less \$25,000 insurance. The Baptist Convention has several times met in this building, and recently we preached in it and had occasion to admire its splendid equipment.

The editor had the pleasure of preaching for Pastor Frank Robins at East Side Church, Jackson, Sunday evening. It is gratifying to see the progress being made by the church in this difficult field, and their loyalty to the young pastor who is a student in Mississippi College. They are putting on the budget for 1940, and did not ask for any help from the Convention Board. This has been a mission point, and their growth and independence are gratifying.

To Calvary Church, Vicksburg: The Baptist Record is sent to you with the hope and expectation that you will become a better Baptist. This will be realized when you diligently and consistently read your paper. Suppose you be the church, the family, the individual who cooperate one hundred percent in the reading of your own state Baptist paper. You can do that, and I believe you will. You owe brother Goodrich a word of thanks for his making it possible for you to receive The Baptist Record so cheaply and I think he'll accept your reading it as "I thank you." You owe your pastor your cooperation, but most of all you owe your Lord your best. Will you say "I surrender all?"

The church at Clinton Sunday morning voted to cooperate with the boards in Dallas and Jackson in the Ministers' Retirement Plan, and requested the deacons to provide for it in the budget beginning January 1.

It is said that while Japan started the war in China to control its trade, the amount of coal, iron ore and raw cotton which Japan now gets from China is less than that gotten before the war started.

Former students of Ft. Worth Seminary will be specially interested in the Home Coming, Dec. 18-19, beginning Monday 6 P. M. with a banquet in Ft. Worth Hall. A brief program has been prepared by Prof. Reynolds, followed by rehearsal of the oratorio of The Messiah to be given Tuesday evening. Soloists in the oratorio are Mrs. Harry Hamblin, Mrs. Holt Hubbard, Prof. E. L. Carnett and Prof. Edwin McNeely. A charge of fifty cents is made for the banquet. Make reservations early. But come anyway.

Rev. A. E. Pardue began his fourth year as pastor of the Magnolia Baptist Church, December 3rd. On this date there were twelve additions to the church. A Church Loyalty Crusade is being sponsored by the churches of Magnolia. The slogan: "Come to church Sunday," is seen on cars, show windows and other public places. The town paper has a "Come to church Sunday" column. Large crowds are attending the churches. A building fund has been started for the erection of an educational building by the Magnolia Baptist Church. Plans are being made to erect the building in 1940. Sufficient funds for the erection of the building will be in the bank before the building is begun.—A. E. Pardue, P.

In the new educational annex being built by the church at Forest, there will be on the first floor a large auditorium, a large class room, a kitchenette, also the departments for beginners and cradle roll. On the second floor there will be eight class rooms and an auditorium, where will be found the Junior department, the Primary department and the S. S. secretary. From each floor a corridor leads into the church building. Dr. A. B. Wood has been elected as pastor for the fourth year, and is secure in the affection of the church and community. Eight deacons have been chosen, four for one year and four for two years. Four others will be elected to serve three years. Each group retires for a year after their retirement.

Grenada: Our church burned this morning, and everything was a total loss. We had only \$20,000 insurance on everything. This church building was a landmark here, and the members of all the churches in the city have been marvelous in their expressions of sympathy and offers to help in any way. We have been proffered the use of every church building in the city, also the high school building, the Masonic temple, the local theatre, and the auditorium of the Barwin Hotel. The last named used to be Grenada College, but has been converted into a modern hotel. We have decided to accept the offer of Superintendent Runnel, and use the high school building for our services. The members of the church are loyal in their support of the deacons and pastor, and already plans are on foot to rebuild. We are taking Philippians 4:19 as our motto, and will go forward in the name of Him who gave Himself for us. Please ask the brethren to remember us in their prayers, that we may be led by the Holy Spirit of God in all that we do and plan for His glory. Sincerely and fraternally yours, Glen Eric Wiley.

Pastor Guy A. Little has been recalled for 1940 to Pinola, Strong River and Pleasant Valley churches, with the prospect of another nearby.

The churches at Philadelphia, Hazlehurst and Calvary, Jackson, voted Sunday to cooperate in the Ministers' Retirement plan.

The Baptist Record will be published next week as usual, but there will be no issue for Dec. 28. That is Christmas week, and the printers and office force will not be expected to do their usual work. Don't look for a paper Christmas week.

Evangelist Hyman Appelman recently conducted a two weeks' revival in the First Baptist Church of New Orleans, La., with 142 additions. The church was greatly strengthened, and the Gospel had a wide hearing in this strategic center. Pastor Dr. J. D. Grey and people are rejoicing.—G. A. C.

To the members of Sardis Church, Copiah County: You have no doubt wondered why the Baptist Record is coming to you. It is filled with good reading matter, telling you what Baptists are doing in other parts of the state, and other parts of the world, has good editorials and articles written by some of our outstanding leaders. Read every word in it and I am sure that you will enjoy it. Four issues will come to you with the compliments and prayers of your pastor.—O. C. Chance.

If "money talks," would you like to know what it says? Here's one thing it says, in James 5:3: "Your gold and your silver are rusted; and their rust shall be for a testimony against you, and shall eat your flesh as fire. Ye have laid up your treasure in the last days." Money unused will rust. Failure to use it in a good cause will be a sin against God and against those whom it ought to bless. Money gotten dishonestly "crieth out." That is what is said to Cain about the blood of his brother Abel. And the same expression is used about money dishonestly obtained. If the president of an insurance company or of a railroad company gets \$100,000 a year, and his agent or janitor hardly gets enough to keep soul and body together, there's something grossly wrong. Or if you get \$500.00 a month and your cook gets \$10, what about that?

Pastor J. B. Ray after finishing his work at Mississippi College and the Baptist Bible Institute chose to locate and work among country churches. He is convinced that a man on the field and having a group of churches close together can do far better than an absentee pastor. His car has averaged more than 1000 miles a month. He lives at Cascilla in Talahatchee County, preaches there and at Payne's, 8 miles away; New Sight, four miles away; Bethel, five miles away; Holcomb, ten miles away. This grouping of churches has been much to the advantage of the work. One new church building has been completed, and another is beginning. Two buildings have been repaired and remodeled. These comparative figures will show how the plan works. Beginning three years ago at Holcomb and taking the other churches later, brother Ray has organized three Woman's Missionary Societies, two Sunday schools, four B. T. U.'s, and one church. The baptisms have increased from 19 to 38; church members from 562 to 691; Baptist Records from 6 to 53; Sunday school enrollment from 183 to 380; B. T. U. from 39 to 83; W. M. U. from 12 to 51; contributions to local causes from \$1,144.70 to \$2,695.63; gifts to benevolence from \$102.60 to \$280.14.

Sparks and Splinters

Alabama Baptists are said to have given \$50,000 more to missions the past year than they did the year before.

Thanks for the generous response to a recent request for special copies of The Baptist Record. Enough copies have come.

Mr. Shepherd McLaurin of Clinton, a student in Mississippi College, was licensed to preach by the Clinton Church last week. He is a son of Rev. and Mrs. H. T. McLaurin.

There are 3,100 churches in the Baptist General Convention in Texas, with 696,000 members, and there are some other kinds of Baptists in Texas, white and black.

Dr. Luther Rice Christie, several years pastor of First Church, Meridian, more recently at Tallahatchie, Florida, passed away Nov. 30. He was born in North Carolina, and had been pastor in Kentucky, Georgia and Florida.

Mr. J. L. Kraft, head of the Kraft-Phoenix Cheese Corporation, said that the only investments which he had ever made which paid constantly increasing dividends were the money he had given to the Lord.

Since the war started in Europe much has been said about the "blackout" to hide cities from aerial attack. Now they tell us that in Finland they have a "whiteout", the snow coming down so fast that aerial and other attacks are prevented.

We were shown the other day a picture of the church building which is to be erected by Parkway Church in Jackson. It is a thing of beauty and will be a joy to more than one generation. The pastor's home is already being moved from the lot to make ready for the new church building.

It is said that Rev. W. L. Stidger, a Methodist minister, is paid the highest salary per minute of any radio speaker in the United States, \$50,000 per annum. He speaks from Monday through Friday at 11:45 to 12:00 for Fleischman Yeast. His general subject: "Are you getting the most out of life?"

Presbyterians and Baptists have been using the same church building in Laurens County, S. C., for one hundred years; the Baptists occupying it on the first and third Sundays, the Presbyterians on the second and fourth. What is the name of the church or churches? The Baptist Church is Harmony and the Presbyterian Church New Harmony.

After completing four years as pastor of Spring Hill Church, Oakland, route, brother Percy Herring felt it best to offer his resignation to the church. Whereupon the church in special conference, unanimously petitioned him to reconsider and raised his salary to offset inducement offered by other churches. It is not yet known whether he will accept.—Reporter.

We are justly aroused by the efforts in Russia and Germany to control and direct the thinking of the people. Of course there are other European and Asiatic countries where it is dangerous to think differently or to express an opinion or to entertain an idea at variance with those in authority. But don't get it into your head that all the efforts to control the thinking and speech of people is on the other side of the ocean. We have seen the time or times in Mississippi when if a man should express an opinion at variance with the conventional standards he was a mark for attack by all the petrified opinion holders who kept their faces to the past.

The only Brotherhood reporting from Walthall County is at Knox Church, organized last April. It is doing a splendid work. It has had the church auditorium and Sunday school rooms wired for electric lights. The pastor's salary is paid in full every month. The Brotherhood is now sponsoring the repairing and painting of the church house, which will soon be finished. It meets every Sunday evening at 6:30. They express the hope that other churches will soon organize brotherhoods.

Rev. Charles A. Webb of Brooksville has been called to the pastorate of Flora Church, and will probably begin his work with them Jan. 1. He is one of our coming young preachers, and the field at Flora furnishes fine opportunity.

Evangelist A. D. Muse, of 2160 Nelson St., Memphis, helped in good meetings recently; one at Shaw with C. M. Day pastor, and the other at Indianola with N. G. Hickman pastor.

Brother J. E. McCraw of Decatur writes to thank the many friends who have shown him kindness during his recent illness. He is now improving and hopes to be back at work among God's people at an early date.

The Committee on The Baptist Record commended Evangelist E. D. Estes for the good work in sending in subscriptions to the paper, and recommended this practice to other departments of the Convention Board.

Appropriations for church building made by the Convention Board last week were as follows: Van Winkle \$200.00; Southside Church \$200.00; Lollard's Grove \$25.00; Tiplersville \$50.00; Leaf River \$75.00; Pascagoula \$300.00; Morgan City \$200.00; Siwell \$100.00; West Side, Natchez \$250.00; Payne \$100.00; Biloxi \$500.00; Straight Bayou \$200.00; Topeka \$100.00; Government Community (near Terry) \$200.00; Spencer Memorial (Jackson County) \$200.00.

Secretary D. A. McCall told the members of the Convention Board that he got by the June payment of interest on bonds without borrowing, whereas \$10,000 was borrowed last year. Unless receipts are mighty good in December it may be necessary to borrow ten or fifteen thousand dollars. This, he thought was good work considering the fact that three months of this year's receipts were necessary to pay last year's obligations.

Of course the Convention Board re-elected Secretary D. A. McCall for another year. There was no question in anybody's mind about that. Brethren feel that we are at the gateway of great opportunity in our missionary work. There has never been a time when there were not difficulties. But we can all say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." At the meeting of the Convention Board Secretary McCall presented a plan of work for the next three years which was adopted by the Board. More about this plan will be given in The Baptist Record.

The Editor attended the first "luncheon conference" held in the state, (one of six conferences) in the interest of the pastors' retirement plan. The meeting was at First Baptist Church in Jackson Tuesday evening of last week. The churches in this part of the state were asked to send their pastors and deacons to become thoroughly acquainted with the plan. There were about 200 present. The first hour was taken up with consideration of the whole program of Mississippi Baptists. This was a good idea following the meeting of the Convention in November, and of the Convention Board Dec. 4-5. The Convention unanimously approved of the plan offered by the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas. Briefly this provides an old age annuity for all pastors in the state who cooperate in the plan, by paying 3% of their salaries, the church paying 3% on the same amount and the Convention Board paying 2%. At the meeting of pastors and deacons last week, the details of the plan and how to set it operating were explained graphically by Drs. Bolton and Hasty who represent the Dallas Board. Frankly we have been surprised at the readiness of the churches, especially the eagerness of the laymen to get into the plan to provide for retiring old and disabled pastors with something to take care of them. Many churches have already voted to go into it. And others are asking for application blanks for the purpose of going in. If a sufficient number adopt it, it will become operative on Jan. 1, 1940. Other meetings, similar to the one in Jackson were held last week and are being held this week to acquaint the churches with the workings of the plan. We believe almost any church in country or town will adopt it when properly explained.

Pastor C. E. Patch of Baldwyn assisted Dr. J. P. Kirkland in a good revival meeting in New Albany. There were 46 additions, 24 of them by baptism.

This week State Evangelist E. D. Estes is in a meeting near Corinth. He writes on Wednesday that the meeting began well, having two additions.

A little over a year ago the Mt. Hermon Church in Louisiana adopted the tithing storehouse plan of financing the work of the church. Pastor W. F. Hutson says they now go to full time. Recently Dr. E. F. Haight of the Baptist Bible Institute helped them in a meeting resulting in 14 additions, 13 by baptism.

Two new deacons were ordained by Bethlehem Church in Montgomery County. Pastor J. W. Eidson conducted special services Sunday and led in the ordination of brother James Montgomery and Frank Carwile. Thanks to the committee, Mesdames U. S. Pittman, L. A. Garner, Frank Carwile, W. M. Laney and others for collecting a nice box for the Orphans valued at \$31.00 and \$6.00 in cash; also to others for delivering the box to the railroad station; and to a group of women who made a nice quilt for the Orphans.

Gifts from all the states for all southwide objects in November were \$145,184.44. For eleven months the receipts were \$1,628,312.96 as compared with \$1,499,992.87 for the same period in 1938. Of the November receipts \$114,394.80 came through the Cooperative program, \$17,533.48 designated, and \$13,256.16 through the 100,000 Club. Mississippi sent in November \$3,771.47, of which \$3,072.58 was through the Cooperative program. Mississippi was eleventh in the order of giving, being surpassed by these in their order: Texas, Kentucky, Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Florida, Alabama, and Oklahoma.

Twenty-two years ago there was only one self-supporting Baptist church in New Orleans, five others being helped by the boards. Now there are in the New Orleans Association, which includes a few outside the city, 29 churches. Then there were 1,242 members in all Baptist churches. Now there are 9,434. Then all gifts amounted to \$18,235.48. This year they were \$158,581.92, of which nearly 20% went to missions and benevolences. The Baptist Bible Institute has been one of the best mission agencies Southern Baptists have ever had. Besides the local work, our foreign mission field is dotted with men and women who have been students in this institution.

Pastoral changes: S. S. Bissell becomes pastor at Young, Arizona; J. C. McCoy resigns the pastorate of Prescott Memorial Church, Memphis; Leslie Gilbert goes from Oneida, Tenn., to McKenzie, succeeding E. F. Adams; C. S. McCoy resigns at Madisonville, Tenn., to enter the Southwestern Seminary; O. L. Nolan returns to Tennessee from Florida, to become pastor of Westside, Murfreesboro; J. W. Jones goes from Caroleen, N. C., to Rock Hill, S. C.; C. T. Plybon went from Rock Hill to Clover, S. C.; Dr. J. R. Jester of Greenville, S. C., gives up evangelistic work to become pastor of First Church, Winchester, Ky.; Ralph Doad goes from Waynesborough, Ga., to Crowley, La.

We give this week something of the report of our Convention Committee on Baptist students in state colleges in Mississippi. Other states are studying this matter with interest. In Louisiana we are told that there are 1,500 Baptist students in Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, 1,300 in Louisiana Tech at Ruston, 1,100 at State Normal at Natchitoches, and some 700 at Southwestern at Lafayette, "beside several thousand in several other schools." Here are four colleges in a state with only about 180,000 Baptists that have enough Baptist students to make large churches. Probably these students are not all members of Baptist churches, but from Baptist families. In thirty years the membership of Baptist churches in Louisiana has multiplied three times. In this time their financial resources are said to have multiplied twenty times.

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WORK AMONG STUDENTS

(The following is the report made by a committee appointed a year ago, made at the Convention this year on Work Among Baptist Students in State Schools. This report provides for a State B. S. U. Secretary, which was approved by the Convention).

Introduction

The committee appointed to study work among Baptist students in the state supported institutions of Mississippi has made a general survey and study of this problem and submits the following report for consideration by the Convention:

In making this report the committee was at all times prayerfully conscious of the following conditions:

1. There is a growing tendency among higher educational institutions to discredit those fundamental tenets and beliefs which are known by the Baptist denomination to be essential for righteousness, salvation, and eternal life; and that many so-called higher educational institutions are allowing perverted and agnostic doctrines to be taught, permit the ridicule of the divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and seemingly encourage heresy and agnostic instruction.

2. Because of the conditions mentioned above it is absolutely essential for the future welfare of the Baptists or any other denomination who desire to abide in the Work of God that there be maintained denominational schools of college rank where the faith of our fathers can be taught unfettered and unhampered. Toward this end there is a need for full denominational support of Baptist colleges in Mississippi.

3. The fundamental principle of the separation of Church and State must not be violated and as individuals and as a denomination there must be constant vigilance for the preservation of this principle.

With these conditions in mind the committee proceeded with its study and submits the following report:

Baptist Students in Mississippi

A questionnaire was sent to each college or college pastor in the State to get information to be used in this report, and all facts included in this report are based on the information contained in these questionnaires and apply to the school enrollment as of October, 1939.

There were enrolled in all colleges in the State 11,812 students. Of this number 4,065 or 34% were in state supported junior colleges, 5,474 or 46% were in state supported senior colleges, 817 or 8% were in the three Baptist colleges and 1,456 or 12% were in all other colleges.

Of the 11,812 students in the State, 5,407 or 46% were Baptist students and 6,405 or 54% were other than Baptist students.

Of the Baptist students in the State, 2,264, or 42%, attended State supported junior colleges, 2,035 or 37% attended state supported senior colleges, 683 or 13% attended the Baptist colleges and 425 or 8% attended all other colleges.

Of the 5,407 Baptist students in the State, 4,299 or 80% attended state supported colleges. In other words, of every hundred Baptist students in the State, 80 enter a state supported institution, 13 enter one of the three Baptist colleges and eight in other colleges.

Religious Participation of Baptist Students in State Colleges

There are 4,299 Baptist students in Mississippi in state supported educational institutions. Of this number 2,264 or 52% are in junior colleges and 2,034 or 48% are in senior colleges.

Of the 4,299 Baptist students in state supported colleges, 3,221 or 75% are in schools which have a B.S.U. (Baptist Student Union).

Of the 3,222 dormitory Baptist students in state supported schools, there are 1,575 or 49% enrolled in Sunday school and 1,172 or 36% enrolled in Training Unions. Records are not available of church attendance. Of course, these figures do not give an absolute picture of the religious participation of Baptist students in state supported institutions, but it is striking to note that less than 50% are either enrolled in Sunday school and the Training Union is

OUR GREAT BAPTIST HERESY

By Norman W. Cox, D.D.

The Baptists of the South in general, and we in Mississippi in particular, properly have pride in our orthodoxy. We rejoice that we are true to "the faith once delivered to the saints." We are a Bible believing, Bible loving group of Christians who stand ready at all times to declare our adherence to belief in an inspired Bible, the deity of Jesus Christ, the doctrine of grace, etc.

Such a faith should call forth standards of Christian living and practice consistent with such a profession. Those who hold the faith we cherish with respect to an inspired Bible, the lordship of Jesus Christ and the stewardship of life which the scriptures and Jesus proclaimed should in our practice be consistent with our profession.

But, alas, a grave heresy has invaded our fellowship. Too many of us are orthodox in mind and in a verbal profession of faith who are heretics in heart and unfaithful to the faith we profess. We lend ourselves too largely to the condemnation which James proclaims against those who have faith without works, when he declares, "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."

We can make several applications of this. We choose only two. They are, first, the heresy of heart which proclaims ourselves to be sinners saved by grace, and still we are indifferent to the need of the lost for Christ. Mississippi Baptists should be behind no one, no body of Christians in all the world, in their ministry of winning the lost to Christ. Last year while Southern Baptists in general were averaging one baptism for each 16.7 members, it required 20.3 Mississippi Baptists to win one soul to Christ and to follow him in baptism. In our evangelistic record we are not matching the faith we proclaim with the zeal and effort of soul which are necessary to be consistent with our profession.

Second, we are guilty of that heresy of heart which proclaims Christ as Lord and ourselves his stewards and withholds from his cause the financial support it should claim at our hands.

The 1938 membership of Mississippi Baptists is reported as 272,281, while the Southern Baptists per capita average of total gifts to all purposes for that year was \$7.39, or a daily average of two cents. Our Mississippi average was \$5.49, or one and one-half cents a day. Had Mississippi Baptists equalled the Southern Baptists' average of two cents a day, they would have given last year \$512,247.45 more than they did give. This increase would have solved all our financial problems happily. We give below the per capita averages of the states of the Southern Baptist Convention in the matter of giving. We have broken it down so that the first or larger figures equal the total gift per capita for all local expenses for missions and education and benevolences for a whole year. The second figures represent the per capita average for missions, education and benevolences for a year, and opposite it we have stated in mills the daily per capita average.

Per capita averages of States:

	Yr.	Per Day	Missions	Yr.	Mills
Va.	\$10.49	2.9c	\$2.10-5.8		1
Texas	9.49	2.6c	1.40-3.8		3
Fla.	9.42	2.6c	1.42-4.0		2
Okla.	8.76	2.4c	1.24-3.4		7
N. C.	8.29	2.2c	1.34-3.7		5
Ark.	7.85	2.15c	1.14-3.1		9
Mo.	7.62	2.1c	1.20-3.2		8
S. C.	7.44	2c	1.32-3.6		6
La.	7.37	2c	1.40-3.8		3
Ky.	6.32	1.7c	1.05-2.9		10
Tenn.	6.22	1.7c	1.03-2.8		11
Miss.	5.49	1 1/2c	.80-2.2		13

reaching only one out of every three.

Of the 17 state supported junior and senior colleges only eight report Bible or Religious Education taught, and the reported number of Baptist students taking Bible or Religious Education is only 228.

Ga.	5.20	1.42c	.84-2.3	12
Ala.	5.04	1.4c	.73-2.0	14

The above figures show that in per capita giving to the Lord's work as a whole, Mississippi Baptists rank twelfth among the Southern states and in Missions their standing is 13th.

The above figures show that four states: Arkansas, Missouri, South Carolina, and Louisiana represent the average of Southern Baptist giving. Certainly Mississippi Baptists should equal the giving on a per capita basis of the giving of our neighbors in Arkansas and Louisiana.

In comparative terms, Mississippi Baptists last year gave to the Lord per capita the equivalent of the tax on a gallon and a half of gasoline a week.

Our mission work and our colleges are suffering from slow financial strangulation. Thinking of it under the analogy of a physical affliction, they are as one suffering from a goiter which interferes with one's breathing and weakens his heart.

We make the mistake of seeing ourselves too much as a whole and think of ourselves too little as individuals. Mississippi Baptists have comparatively no rich people. They have a few who have good incomes. We need to emphasize a method that will reach the largest number and bring each individual to see his or her responsibility. The Lord does not expect us to do what we cannot, but what we can. We need to go back and take to heart the significance here of the old familiar couplet that we memorized in our childhood:

"Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand
Make the mighty ocean
And the pleasant land."

If 100,000 Mississippi Baptists could be brought to give one cent a day to missions and education, this would give these causes an income of \$365,000 per year, or an increase of \$121,522 over last year's giving, or a percentage increase of 49.9%.

If 100,000 Mississippi Baptists could be brought to give four cents per day to the local expenses of their churches, it would produce \$1,460,000 per year, or an increase over last year's giving of \$219,000, or 17 1/2%.

100,000 Mississippi Baptists giving five cents a day to home expenses, missions and education, would cause them to give 1,825,000 per year, or an increase of 23% over last year's giving. This is the equivalent of a weekly gift on the part of approximately one-third of our reported membership of the equivalent of the taxes on five gallons of gasoline. Here comes the tragic picture of our heresy. It is that the Baptists of Mississippi pay more gasoline taxes that is used in their automobiles for other than commercial purposes than they give to the Lord's work. In the language of the scriptures, brethren, "It ought not to be so."

The Lord wants us to be orthodox in heart as well as in mind.

If 100,000 of Mississippi Baptists would give one cent a day to the support of our missions and education causes, we could maintain our work and pay all of our debts in the next seven years.

If a stern old Puritan Sabbath, with its subduing effects, wrought out such joyous natures as Beecher's, and gave to the world such a beautiful blending of tenderness and strength, laughter and tears, heart deep pathos and sunny humor as Oliver Wendell Holmes, let us have another century of Puritan Sabbaths. Up to date the Sunday of the beer garden has failed to bring forth a Homes or a Beecher. It has evolved a Johann Most and an August Spies, but somehow that sort of a product doesn't seem to be quite up to the old Puritan mark. When you run up the bunting, remember it was the steady-going old Puritan Sabbath that hatched the Fourth of July. "The day we celebrate," dearly beloved, wasn't born in a Chicago beer dive on a Sunday afternoon; not by a jugful.—Bob Burdette.

EDITORIALS

APART FROM LAW

In various museums you will find an old stage coach, or the first locomotive, or the first airplane, or the first automobile that was constructed and used. They are no longer in service, and it would be impossible to make any practical use of them today. They were valuable in their day; they served their purpose, fulfilled their mission; but they are now only relics of a day that is gone. You would not undertake to make a journey across the country in George Washington's coach, nor in Wrights airplane, nor the original automobile. You could not get anywhere with that sort of travel. But these means of travel were a necessity. Without them we would not have the present methods of travel. They were a prophecy of good things to come.

In somewhat the same relation stands the law to the gospel, the age of Moses to the Christian era. The law was our schoolmaster, our pedagogue to bring us to Christ. And it still is. The world's business cannot be carried on with the agencies used a century ago, nor even a half century. That reference to the "horse and buggy age" was recognized as exceedingly apt and pertinent. The use of the means transportation and of making a living common fifty years ago, is impossible today.

Jesus said, "The law and the prophets were until John"; but now the "kingdom of God is preached." Paul said, "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth." Now inventions change the whole course of life and the entire methods of making a living. They introduce a new age, a new era. Everybody in the South changed with the invention of the cotton gin. So with the locomotive, the application of electricity and gasoline.

So Paul says that "in the fulness of time God sent forth His Son, born under the law, to redeem from captivity them under the law in order that we might receive our sonship." Then came a new age.

The law accomplished its purpose in that it made his world sin-conscious, made man to know his guilt and his utter inability to do the will of God. Brought him under condemnation, and revealed the fact that law itself could do nothing to deliver him: "What law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh." The utmost and best it could do was to make man cry out, "O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death."

We need never look to the law to deliver us. We need never hope for finding favor with God through obedience to the law. Try as we may we only get further involved and entangled in hopelessness when we try to make progress in the Christian life by obedience to rules, observing commandments. There are some who are trying this method. They are trying to light the world with a tallow dip, when the sun is up.

Occasionally you see somebody driving down the road in a 1914 model of a Ford car. It rattles and coughs and jerks and puffs and smokes without getting anywhere. It is out of date and should be given a rest. So did the Galatians try to go back to the weak and beggarly elements of the world by trying to keep the law, observing rites and days. You are inclined to laugh at the man in a 1914 model car. And you pity the man who tries to live a Christian life by following after law. "If we walk by the Spirit, we will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. And that is the only way it can be done."

You can't live under both regimes. You can't mix law and grace. If it is of works it is no more grace, and if it is of grace it is no more works. Grace is grace and works are works. We become Christians by grace through faith; and we can only live the Christian life in the same way. As ye received Christ Jesus the Lord, even so walk in Him.

Kenneth I. Brown, Ph.D., has been elected president of Dennison University in Ohio.

HIGH CALLING

People have been known to toss rocks around carelessly all unconscious that they were full of gold ore. So do we often handle the word of God. Many words and phrases of Scripture if properly assayed would make us rich.

With this let's stop and look at the words at the head of this article, "High Calling." In the New Testament our calling is often spoken of. If you care to jot them down you may include these: Romans 11:29; I Cor. 1:26; Ephesians 1:18 and 4:4; Philippians 3:14; 2 Thess. 1:11; 2 Tim. 1:9; Heb. 3:1. It would be helpful for those who can follow it up to study the New Testament word for call or calling in combination with various prepositions, remembering that these words are all of close kin.

But we are thinking now simply of the High Calling, see Philippians 3:14. Here the calling of a Christian is spoken of in its upward reach, its infinite possibilities of attainment, the heights which God had in mind to which man should ascend through his faith in Christ, and partaking in His life.

We ought to lift up our eyes, the eyes of our mind, the eyes of faith to see what God meant for us to be, what He meant to do for us, what He has had in mind for us from the beginning of creation, and what was involved in our being called into his kingdom. Certainly these things would never have entered into men's minds except for the awakening and revelation of them which came from God. "Things which eye saw not, and ear heard not, and which entered not into the heart of man, whatsoever things God prepared for them that love Him. But unto us God revealed them through the Spirit."

And yet all of us need to join in that prayer of Paul that the "eyes of our heart may be enlightened that we may know what is the hope of his calling," Ephesians 1:18. Of course there can be given here merely some intimation of what is included in our "High Calling."

The Eighth Psalm is quoted also in the New Testament, and is a good starting point in an inquiry of this kind. We should like to quote it all, but you can look it up. It is a song of grateful praise for God's special favor to the human race, above all his creatures. He takes one who seems small and insignificant in so great a universe, and lifts him above all. "Thou hast made him but little lower than God (Am. Rev. Version), and crownest him with glory and honor. Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet." There is no other creature of his of whom these things are said.

To be sure in the New Testament we read that we see not yet all things put under him, but the word is sure to be fulfilled and the guarantee of it is in Christ who has been crowned with glory and honor, being given universal dominion. And we are joint heirs with Christ. Our destiny is linked with His. How grateful we should be, and how zealous that we shall attain to the highest possible for us. "We shall reign with him." "To him that overcometh, will I give to sit with me on my throne."

"Now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He shall be manifested we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." Even now we are "partakers of the divine nature." So far as the scriptures show there is no other creature in the universe that has the possibilities given to men. He may rise to the highest height; or he may sink to the lowest depth. It is ours to determine which it shall be.

The only countries which apparently have not expressed condemnation of Russia's invasion of Finland are Germany and China. Germany and Russia are playing a game of double dealing with each other and with other nations. China feels that almost the only nation which has shown practical sympathy with her is Russia. The world situation is badly muddled and getting worse all the time. We are sure the Lord will make the wrath of man to praise him.

FELLOWSHIP

Some one has written an exposition of the First Epistle of John under the title of "The Greatest Fellowship In the World." It is an appropriate title for that is the connecting thought running through the whole epistle. In the first chapter John says he is writing that the reader may share the fellowship with him; and that this fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. He purposes to share with them the participation in the life of God through the Lord Jesus.

But he makes it plain that this fellowship is not easily purchased. A person may be a Christian and not have daily companionship with God. He may be a Christian and not share in full measure in the life which is in God, and which God gives to us. John says he writes this letter that we may have the same fellowship with God which he had; and in having this uninterrupted fellowship our joy may be made full. We need not be surprised if there are differences in the amount of joy we will have in heaven. There are great differences now in this world in that respect. Why not in heaven? The differences between people in heaven are made by the differences which exist now among Christians. And for these differences men are themselves responsible. Fellowship with God makes a joyful Christian; the lack of it makes a joyless Christian. John would introduce us into fuller fellowship with God, "that our joy may be made full."

This fellowship with God, this participation in His life, and having things in common with God, can come only with true knowledge of God. That is what Jesus came to bring; "He hath declared Him." "This is eternal life, to know thee the only true God." John writes to tell people about God that they may have fellowship with Him.

And he goes straight to the heart of the revelation when he says, "This is the message which we have heard from him and announce unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." If we expect to have fellowship with Him we must know what sort of being He is. And we must recognize that He is absolutely and infinitely holy: "in Him is no darkness at all." That is the substance of the revelation of God as given to us in Christ. And the recognition of this must precede any fellowship with Him.

And recognizing this as the essential character of God, we must be prepared in mind to walk in the light; we must ourselves be willing to live holy lives. "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in the darkness, we lie and do not tell the truth." "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Of course "fellowship one with another" means that we have fellowship with God and he with us. He is not talking about fellowship among Christians. That is a great truth of experience, but this is first, and fellowship with God goes before fellowship among Christians.

To walk in the light is to be partakers of his holiness, to live as he lives. And when we do this the cleansing process by the blood of Jesus becomes a living experience. There is a sense in which we were cleansed once for all. In the mind of God our sins are forgiven, removed, taken away when we believe in Jesus. But that is not what John is talking about. That was a past experience. It was done once for all. But this is a present tense experience, and as any expositor of the scriptures will tell you, is a process, a continuous experience. The one who walks in the light will realize that the blood of Jesus is cleansing him from all sin. There is a sense in which salvation is deliverance once for all from all the consequences of sin. But God does not wish to stop here with us; He who began a good work in us will carry it on unto the day of the Lord Jesus.

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GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b, "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profit may appear to ALL."

Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

HOW MURPHY DID IT

Recently Rev. J. C. Murphy was called as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Vicksburg. Within a few weeks he led them to adopt the EVERY FAMILY plan. When asked how he did it, his reply was, "I felt that my people needed to keep up with Baptist affairs, so I explained it." He then explained how they financed it. A small box built to resemble a church has been placed in the vestibule. Members are asked to put contributions thereon. In this way the Baptist Record EF plan is paid for.

Warren County subscribers are listed as follows: Yokena 5; R.F.D. Vicksburg 4; Vicksburg First 17; Bowmar Avenue 1; Calvary, Vicksburg 19.

HE FORGOT TO SIGN HIS NAME

Recently the writer received a letter postmarked "Jackson." The letter contained some good advice, BUT the writer failed to sign his or her name. Banks refuse to cash unsigned checks. We refuse to act on unsigned letters. If the writer will write and sign his or her name we will be glad to act on the advice given.

Unsigned letters indicate one of two things: Either the writer forgot to sign the letter or is afraid he or she is unable to substantiate the contents of the letter.

THIS PASTOR KNOWS

"We enjoy the Record and are helped by it."
—J. W. Sturdivant, Merigold.

THE LIST GROWS

If anyone fears for the stability of the EVERY FAMILY plan, they are hereby notified that their fears are groundless. The EF list is growing almost daily. Among recent additions to the EF list are: Glendale, Forrest County, Rev. H. H. Christman, Pastor; Southside, Jackson, Percy Cooper; Biloxi First, G. C. Hodge; Kosciusko, Rowe Holcomb; Calvary, Vicksburg, J. C. Murphy; Hopewell, Franklin County, P. H. Young; Parkway, Jackson, W. A. Bell; Cato, Rankin, C. C. Jones; Goodyear, Pearl River County; Sardis, Copiah County, O. C. Chance.

MORE PROOF OF THE PUDDING

Pastor R. A. Morris baptized two at Newton last Sunday, and the church observed the Lord's Supper with the largest number present in years. The increased budget was met the past quarter.—Newton has the EF plan.

Center Terrace Church, Canton, had ten additions at their regular services Sunday, six of them by baptism. Give thanks.—Center Terrace has the EF plan.

Ora Baptist Church, Covington County, has now about 32 members; Sunday school enrolment of 43; attendance last Sunday 37; and 40 enrolled in B. T. U. with attendance last Sunday of 36.—A. Kelly.—Ora has the EF plan.

Pastor James C. Taylor is happy over a gracious meeting at Escatawpa. There were 11 additions, eight by baptism; many rededications, number of tithers doubled, plans made to build Sunday school rooms; and the people have a mind to work. The church budget includes the Cooperative Program.—Escatawpa has the EF plan.

Pastor George Gay rejoices in 26 additions to the church at Marks during the recent meeting, beside some who joined other churches. Our having the Record in every family has in no small way contributed to the preparation before Dr. Martin came.—Marks has the EF plan.

Pastor Pierce of Crystal Springs writes that on the first day of their church revival, Sunday,

the Lord manifested his presence among them in convicting power. His Bulletin says that while February is usually the hardest month financially the offerings of this February exceeded the budget, and a larger number of people are giving than ever before.

Crystal Springs has the EF plan.

Morgan City church is putting the roof on the new church building. Pastor C. J. Olander is feeling good to see the work grow as he looks out the new parsonage window.—Morgan City has the EF plan.

Eupora, during the three months that The Baptist Record has been coming to every family, the Sunday school has grown, the church attendance has been the largest that it has been at the same season of the year during the eight years that I have been there. Also, the financial condition of the church is better than at any time during these eight years.—J. B. Middleton, Pastor.—Eupora has the EF plan.

At Union the Sunday school is maintaining the highest average ever made, last Sunday going to 233. In the Intermediate department 42 were present out of 44 enrolled. The Y. W. A. has reached the standard. Union has the EF plan.

BIG LEVEL LIKES IT

I think our people are well satisfied with their Record. Everybody seems to like it and enjoy reading it. Our Sunday school attendance last Sunday was 81, which is more than two-thirds of our membership. I am going to send a write-up in a few weeks. Brother Polk preached on the Cooperative Program last Sunday night and it was a fine sermon.

Yours in Christ, J. M. Edwards.

AN EASY WAY, SAYS MRS. WOOD

Our church has been built this year. The building is not completed. We have been having service in it since spring. The Sunday school pays for the Record to go to Every Family. We think this is an easy way to get it.—Mrs. O. M. Wood, Immanuel Baptist Church, Neshoba County.

EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCES

The following program outline will be followed generally in each of the ten regional one-day evangelistic conferences at Natchez, McComb, Poplarville, Biloxi, Waynesboro, Winona, Leland, Senatobia, Iuka and Louisville in the order named. The dates are—January 29th-February 9th, 9:30 a. m.-9:00 p. m. daily.

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, Dr. J. E. Dillard, Dr. Norman W. Cox and others will be the speakers. The program follows:

Morning Session

9:30-9:45—Fellowship.
9:45-10:00—Praise and Prayer.
10:00-10:20—The Word of God in Evangelism.
10:20-11:00—A first Emphasis 1940.
11:00-11:05—Praise and Prayer.
11:05-11:45—His Church and Evangelism.
11:45-12:30—The Romance of Evangelism.
Lunch.

Afternoon Session

1:30-1:45—Praise and Prayer.
1:45-2:15—II Chronicles 7:14, 15, An Old Testament pre-requisite for revival.
2:15-2:45—Acts 5:42, A New Testament Church Working in Evangelism.
2:45-3:45—Conference on Evangelism, personal, church, associational.
3:45-4:15—Prayer for Revival.
Conferences on 1940 Denominational Calendar and Goals.

Night Session

7:00-7:15—Music by local church.
7:15-7:30—The Holy Spirit and Evangelism.
7:30-8:15—Evangelism and Stewardship.
8:15-9:00—Christ and the Cross.

Dr. Harry Lintz has been pastor of First Church, Lake Charles, La., since Sept. 1937. The church debt was soon paid and the church runs on a cash basis. There have been 340 additions. The house is well filled at all Sunday services.

REPEAL HAS FAILED

Well does the public remember the mad plea for the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment which destroyed and prohibited the legal sale of alcoholic beverages in America from January 16, 1920, to December 5, 1933. Among the foremost advocates of Repeal was the late Mayor James L. Key of Atlanta, probably the most beloved city official ever to serve an Atlanta constituency. Constantly harassed by the city's financial problems and a rising tide of crime, Mayor Key advocated Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment and the substitution of liquor stores therefor. He argued that such a change in the law would help Atlanta meet its financial obligations, eliminate the flow of illegal whiskey, drive bootleggers from the city and otherwise simplify law enforcement. After Repeal in 1933, Atlanta voted on the liquor store in March, 1938, and became legally wet in April of that year.

But Repeal and the liquor store have failed to help the city financially, eliminate illicit liquor, destroy bootlegging and simplify law enforcement. With almost two years of legal liquor stores in the city, what are the tangible results? If the Editor of The Christian Index should attempt to answer that question the wets would accuse him of fanaticism. So he will let Chief Hornsby of the Atlanta police speak. He enjoys the reputation of being a conscientious and an able Chief. In Thursday's and Friday's papers, November 9-10, he is quoted as saying: "To my horror, I found when the records were looked up that we had already, through midnight Wednesday night (November 8), the appalling total of one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine cases of drunken driving. It seems to me that we have been lost on Atlanta streets. We must stop such utter reckless disregard for human life and property, and, believe me, we're not going to handle any such cases with gloves on in the future."

"Where the evidence warrants it, we are going before the grand jury and ask indictment for murder in the first degree. Life has been too cheap in Atlanta streets; too few people have had to undergo severe punishment for their failure to live by the rules of society. We are not going to give tickets for any such offense that is as serious as drunken driving . . ."

In the same story Solicitor General John A. Boykin is quoted as saying: "I'll go the limit in cooperating with the police. They'll get stern treatment from us where the evidence shows that they are guilty . . ."

The foregoing quotations are taken from the front page of The Atlanta Journal of November 9. With scores of liquor stores open day and night, with moonshiners operating this year in an elegant Druid Hills home, with bootleggers peddling their business as usual, with crime, adult and juvenile, on the increase, with the movies operating on Sundays in violation of law and with a wicked minority defying city officials, what would Mayor Key say if he could speak to his beloved Atlanta now? We believe he would admit his error and help the good people of this city and county remove the liquor stores and beer saloons and close the Sunday movies. One of the greatest needs of the day is a clean atmosphere in which to bring up the citizens of tomorrow.—Christian Index.

In the three years of his pastorate at Denham Springs, La., Dr. Carl N. Travis, native Mississippian, the church has reduced its debt from \$13,000 to \$6,000, a recent substantial sum having been raised. A recent revival here, led by Rev. R. L. Cook preacher and brother Leslie Carpenter singer, resulted in five additions, three by baptism. The interest was good.

The Commission of Twenty appointed by the State Convention in November to study the whole set up of our denominational work in Mississippi and make recommendations next year, met in Jackson Tuesday afternoon of this week. As we go to press on Tuesday it will be impossible for us to furnish further information now.

PASTORAL PROBLEMS

"Lest We Presume"

By Norman W. Cox

Every preacher should join the Psalmist every week in praying that he be kept from presumptuous sins. I have known not a few, otherwise excellent brethren, who crippled their ministry and gave unwarranted offense by presuming on their position.

It is a good idea for a Baptist preacher to learn that as a pastor he has no power of authority, except what is given him by the Lord and the brethren. He needs, therefore, to recognize himself as a steward of a holy trust and to think of himself as debtor, and never, for a moment, to feel that his church or people owe him anything.

Whatever influence we have depends upon our character, attitude, faith, experience and service.

We have no right of command. Whatever force our words and council have are those which come from the forces of spiritual indowment. We must reinforce our own souls in the Lord, if we would effectively possess the loyalty of our brethren who seemed to have the Elder Brother of the Prodigal Son parable attitude towards their congregation.

We need to bear in mind that our Lord would not presume upon his Heavenly Father when Satan asked him to cast himself down from the pinnacle of the temple and claim the promise of being sustained.

Even so, we should not presume that we have any personal rights for service, attention and consideration other than that which those whom we serve find joy in giving us.

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DECEMBER 31, A DAY OF WORLD-WIDE PRAYER FOR SOULS

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The morning of Sunday, December 31, 1939, will first dawn upon Baptists in Japan, the Philippines, China, and Australia. The sunrise will then be seen in India, Africa, Europe, and finally in the Americas. The sun that day will shine upon Baptists around the world who will be praying for a mighty world-wide revival during 1940.

The last day of this year was named by the Baptist World Alliance as a day of prayer for Baptists in sixty or more nations of the earth, praying for the salvation of souls during the coming year.

Imagine an airplane flight around the globe that day, staying in the sunlight all the way. How thrilling it would be to see Baptists everywhere praying for the salvation of souls!

Suggestive Programs Free

Suggestive programs for observing December 31 as a day of prayer in the churches have been given in the December 1939 issue of Southern Baptist Home Missions. Mimeographed copies of these suggestions will be mailed free to anyone who will request it of the writer, c/o Home Mission Board, 315 Red Rock Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.

These suggestions also carry a detailed program for a watch-night service for the churches on New Year's eve.

Student Night

For many years the Department of Student Activities of the Sunday School Board has advocated the observance of student night on Sunday between Christmas and New Year's. These two programs can be combined admirably.

Watch-night Services

A watch-night service of prayer in the church following the student program on the night of December 31st will be highly worthwhile. The young people delight to carry on this kind of program, and the older people who stay and pray are genuinely blessed. A card or a letter of request will bring our programs to you.

We earnestly hope that millions of Baptists around the world will spend the last four hours of 1939 in soul-gripping, importunate, Spirit-guided prayer for the salvation of souls.

—Roland Q. Leavell, Supt of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, 315 Red Rock Bldg., Atlanta.

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE IN?

By a Jewish Believer, Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, Louisiana

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I believe with all my heart that all the writings of the Prophets are true. In the seventh chapter of Isaiah the prophet, which no Jew would deny, was inspired by God to write this which our forefathers have seen and believed. Isaiah 7:14, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign, Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call his name Immanuel." The Jews are led to disbelieve the great promise that God has made us, just because some of our learned Rabbis have mistranslated one word, "Almo," to suit their own purpose, therefore we are blinded and cannot apprehend the truth.

Did God create us to suffer, to hate, and to be hated of all men and nations? No; God has created us for a special purpose, to serve Him, and Him only. But since we have made the image of the golden calf which we serve, God has turned his face from us, and every servant of the devil (who is the ruler of this cursed earth) has a part in hurting and persecuting us. How long will we be able to stand all of these hurts, harms and insults? Why don't we wake up to the realization that God is anxious and willing to take us under His protecting wing and make us a nation to be looked up to, instead of being downtrodden.

Is there any reason why we should not turn back to God by the way that He has prepared for us? We do not have to bring any sacrifices, for the sacrifice has been prepared since from before the foundation of the world, and slain over nineteen-hundred years ago. We do not have to buy our way to God, for we have been redeemed out of the pawn by the Lamb of God. Genesis 22:8, "Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering."

This Lamb has been prepared and slain for the remission of our sins that whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish. It is a faith belief, as it is written, "Abraham believed God and it was accounted unto him for righteousness," but we through our sinful deeds have been scattered to every part of the earth, and have lost the inheritance which God promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

There is only one way to return to God, and that is through the Saviour, the Messiah, the Anointed One of God, of whom the Scriptures are written, "You are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." The One who so triumphantly rose after being in the tomb for three days, and has been seen by men as the Scriptures have witnessed and has ascended into heaven to intercede for you and me, and to give us a chance of repentance, and of living a holy life, of loving and being loved by man and nations.

We have tried everything else and have utterly failed. We can not buy our way into heaven with all the money we possess. Why not give God a chance? Malachi 4:1, "Behold the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven, and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble, and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch."

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Rev. J. L. Walker, a minister for 62 years and chaplain of the Hillcrest Hospital in Waco suggests that in the Christmas season every Christian write to an unsaved friend urging him to become a Christian. Thousands of letters may result in hundreds saved. Ask the Holy Spirit to bless your effort.

A letter postmarked Pascagoula, with signatures of Gloria E. Ryan and Mrs. Hy. Gautier, tells of a fine meeting conducted by Evangelists B. W. Walker and Otis Thompson. The meeting lasted two weeks. There were 32 additions to the church, and the church uplifted. A young people's prayer group was formed, and continues to meet. At the first meeting 20 were present, and the Lord was with them in much grace. Efforts are being made to enlarge this work.

THE INDEFATIGABLE CHURCH OF ROME

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Writing in The Christian Irishman, F. C. Gibson sums up various forms of Catholic organization looking toward control of individuals and governments, such as the Catholic Council of International Relations, which keeps in touch with societies in various countries in order to insure concerted international action; the Grail, conducted by Belgian nuns with a view of teaching non-Catholic young women of the better classes; the Guild of Ransom, organizer of outdoor processions and spectacular displays, especially in Protestant communities; the Catholic Aid Society to help ministerial converts to the Church of Rome; the Catholic Truth Society, a publication propaganda society; the Catholic Evidence Guild which lectures in public parks, and many more. Among other methods of Catholic Action is "the capture of labor" by securing strategic positions in the labor world, which may be used to supplant Protestant labor by that of Roman Catholics. So complete is the organization in this respect that a Roman Catholic laborer in the west of Ireland, through his local priest, can obtain a place in Scotland before he leaves his native district. In this way manual labor and domestic service are increasingly getting into Roman Catholic hands, with effects detrimental to Protestantism.

Increasing efforts are made to increase Roman Catholic population. Very young people are urged to marry; Nazareth Homes and orphanages are used to capture children of Protestant families; in thousands of homes the presence of Catholic maids or men-servants negatives Protestant votes. In some places committees of Catholic women seek to introduce young Protestant men into Roman Catholic social circles in the hope of an eventual Catholic marriage.

"Every possible means is employed by the Church of Rome to break down the Protestant Sabbath which, in the past, has been one of the greatest bulwarks of Protestantism. Dance-halls are springing up all over the county (Ulster) licensed for use on the Sabbath, and many of these are frequented by non-Catholics. This is one of the most prolific causes of mixed marriages."

A report on the Activities of Roman Catholicism in Scotland was prepared for the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 1935. It pointed out that the Roman Church was buying land, houses, churches, cinemas, and the like, in Scotland, as part of a plan to build up a skeleton organization covering the whole country.—S. S. Times.

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Editor F. W. Tinnin says in the Baptist Message that the Louisiana Convention in November appointed a committee to study and report on religious work in state schools, just as we did in Mississippi a year ago. It is said that Baptists have a temporary building on the campus of Louisiana State University. The Episcopalians are said to have a commodious building; the Catholics are raising \$100,000 for a student building; the Presbyterians have launched a campaign for the same purpose, and the Methodists are contemplating the same. With 5,000 Baptist students in state schools our Louisiana brethren realize that they have a problem on their hands.

Churches sometimes complain that the members do not give all their money through the budget. We believe with all our heart in the budget, and giving liberally through this channel. But that does not mean that every member should of necessity give through the budget all that he gives to any cause. There are opportunities for helping people or institutions which cannot be included in the budget. A budget is our best approximation to balanced and equitable distribution of funds. But no group of men is infallible. And people who have nothing to do with making up a budget are not necessarily bound by one that somebody else makes. Unless one has reason to believe that a proposed budget is inequitable he ought to give through the budget. But each of us must give account of himself to God, and we must under God give where the money will do the most good.

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"If my people humble themselves, turn from their iniquity, and their land shall be a place of blessing."—2 C

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Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

"If my people, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place."—2 Chronicles 7:14-15.

I

Denominational Calendar Adopted by Convention January 1940

1. "Thus saith the Lord," Church Loyalty Emphasis—preparation Month.
2. Week of Bible Study.
3. W. M. U. Institutes—8th-24th.
3. Put name on church building.
5. Where church building is off main thoroughfare, put up permanent signs pointing and welcoming passersby to the House of Prayer.
6. State Associational Sunday school officers meeting, Jackson, 8th-9th.
7. Five Regional evangelistic conferences—29th-Feb. 2nd — Natchez, McComb, Poplarville, Biloxi, Waynesboro, respectively.
8. Baptist Hundred Thousand Club.
9. Mississippi Baptist 5 M Club.
10. Cooperative Program.
11. Organize and strengthen Brotherhood.
12. Associational and Church Census.

II

Loyalty to Christ's Cause: A fine Christian woman came by expressing thanks to God for His goodness toward her family, etc. It was not merely lip service: She had made and paid a special pledge. She had gotten her church to agree to take a special offering for Mississippi Baptist obligations the 53rd Sunday. She had asked family members to put Christmas present money on Baptist obligations.

Again, a pastor of two half time churches writes, "I am sending one week's pay (\$31.25) on Mississippi Baptist obligations." Doxology!

Thanks Brother Engell!

Pastor Kirkland, another stalwart, has a member who wants to give \$500.00 to Blue Mountain and she wants to "play the game" by giving it through the denomination of her Lord's churches. Every penny will go right on to Blue Mountain.

Miss Traylor, W. M. U. Secretary, was the first so far as we know to pay a day's earnings on pledge; Dr. L. T. Lowrey the second, A. L. Goodrich, the third, E. D. Estes, the fourth, your Secretary, the fifth, Mrs. Jane Pinnix Stone, the sixth, and still there are others.

"From over hill and plain

There comes the signal strain,

'Tis loyalty, loyalty, loyalty, to Christ;

Its music rolls along.

The hills take up the song,

Of Loyalty, loyalty, yes, loyalty to Christ."

III

Exact language is asked for in one particular, i.e. "parity value with respect to principal and interest of certificate of indebtedness in the sum of \$24,083.69 (p. 122 of Annual). "the commission will recommend to the Convention," etc.

Also, "As regards the request—certificate—\$24,083.69 be placed on parity—no action be taken;" (p. 37 of Annual). "was adopted," (p. 36 of Annual) by Convention.

IV

We have been doing our best to save Mississippi Baptists money by not going out to borrow. All the year we have gotten by due to your loyalty. It seems we may have to borrow \$10,000-\$15,000 before January 1st. We would like to see our debts paid rather than borrow our way out. If you will send it in we will fight to save money for you.

Send through: (1) Cooperative Program, (2) Five M Club, (3) earnings for one day, (4) special offering 53rd Sunday, etc. Do it before January 1st. Help us keep Baptists heads above water!

V

We continue with engagements every Sunday

to January 1st. Thus, we have been dated every Sunday save Mississippi College Commencement, and that really was a date. Thanks to you brethren. God called us to preach and when you stop us here you will have to get another secretary.

We turned down several requested dates before the Board meeting but now we have a brand new 1940 year book with entries already made. First come, first served. We don't pick 'em. They are all good!

We prefer to be used often where the secretary is really needed.

VI

The meeting of the State Board was well attended, did constructive work courageously, and in harmonious spirit. The budget committee met the first difficult task, but the Lord's leading was evident. The B. S. U. Committee were faced with a serious problem. They gave their best to it. (It was evident the Convention B. S. U. Committee had no idea of overturning all present B. S. U. set-ups.) Other committees did their parts well also. These brethren are not so easily stampeded as an occasional brother imagines. The new members fitted in well.

VII

Some states present group pictures of their State missionary pastors. We will not do that but the following are our State missionary pastors for 1939, preaching Jesus every week all over Mississippi:

Name	Church
W. I. Allen	Shiloh Church
W. S. Allen	Pass Christian, Bay St. Louis
C. F. Anglin	Covenant
W. V. Barton	Red Creek
O. B. Beverly	Hardy-Mt. Paran
E. J. Blackford	Van Winkle
Henry Branyan	Potts Camp
G. T. Breland	Brewer
J. W. Burnett	Mt. Zion, Wright Springs, Madden, High Hill, Conway, New Providence.
R. H. Campbell	Fruitland Park
John F. Carter	Ellison Ridge
A. H. Childress	Longview
A. T. Cinnamon	Salem
R. A. Collier	Elim - Mashulaville
Hugh Conwill	Pleasant Ridge
Harvey Deer	New Zion
J. R. Eubanks	Priscilla, Tabernacle
E. C. Farr	Carrollton, N. Carrollton
E. S. Flynt	Biloxi 2nd, Handsboro
A. G. Graham	Ozark
J. C. Graham	Antioch
W. C. Hamilton	Central - Golden, Highland, Red Bud, Mts. Vernon, Cross Roads.
T. W. Hembree	Arlington
J. R. G. Hewlett	Pharsalia, Paul
J. E. Kinsey	Lock Station
A. A. Kitchings	Farmhaven
W. S. Landrum	Clear Branch, Mt. Creek, Antioch
R. E. Larson	Lone Pine
Robert W. Martin	Silver City, Straight Bayou
Wilson T. Miller	Louise
John S. Morgan	Fallen Creek
S. E. McAdory	Work among Indians
B. F. Odom	Bethel
C. J. Olander	Morgan City
M. V. Owings	Greenwood Springs
L. P. Petty	Bolton
W. B. Phipps	Natchez - West Side
Rupert Powell	Berea
Frank Robbins	East Side, Jackson
L. D. Sellers	Black Hawk, Acy Memorial
E. Y. Soilean	Catchings, Darlove
J. F. Sullivan	Ft. Bayou, Ocean Springs, Vancleave.
Melvin T. Wilson	Sharon
James C. Taylor	Jackson Co. Missionary
C. S. Thomas	Yalobusha Co. Missionary
Luther K. Turner	Red Hill, Calvary
James D. Walker	Canton - Center Terrace
J. L. Ward	Evergreen
H. H. Ward	Cedar Grove, Kosciusko, 2nd
Henry G. West	Tupelo, 2nd.
W. H. Wood	Pulaski, Rocky Hill, Wilkinson Memorial.

VIII

These churches received building aid for 1939:

Church	Pastor
Hickory Flat	J. B. Parker

Acy Memorial	L. D. Sellers
Siwell	J. N. Holloway
Bay Springs	S. E. Sumrall
New Providence	J. W. Burnett
Tupelo - Second	H. G. West
Morgan City	C. J. Olander
Farmhaven	A. A. Kitchings
Splunge	M. V. Owings
Paul	J. R. G. Hewlett
Kreole	S. E. Nix
Ozark	A. G. Graham
Van Winkle	E. J. Blackford
Bethel	S. D. Butler
Sand Hill	E. T. Mobberly
Mt. Zion	A. G. Graham
Topeka	Maxie C. Nelson

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HOME COMING WEEK AT THE BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

President W. W. Hamilton, New Orleans, La.

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Dr. L. R. Scarborough, President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has accepted the invitation of the Baptist Bible Institute to deliver the Layne Lectures during the Home Coming Week, and Dr. John L. Hill, Book Editor for the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will deliver the Tharp Lectures. The date this year will be February 26 to March 1. Others who have been invited to share in the program are: Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, President of the Woman's Missionary Union; Associate Secretary Hugh F. Latimer, Baptist Brotherhood of the South; Dr. E. P. Aldredge, Statistical Secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board; Miss Mary Beth Lassetter, Vacation Bible School Work; Rev. W. R. Hamilton, Pastor at Hope, Arkansas; and Secretary Jerry Lambdin, Baptist Training Union Department.

Professors Sellers and Carnett are arranging for a great music day on Friday, March 1, giving special attention to the improvement of church music, through addresses and conferences and demonstrations. Visitors will be cared for to the limit by the Baptist Bible Institute and arrangements will be gladly made for others in home and apartments and hotels.

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ARE CATHOLICS TOLERANT?

Home Missions

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Do Catholics believe in religious liberty? The Catholic Hierarchy is spending millions of dollars in a nation-wide program trying to make the impression that the Catholic Church not only believes in religious liberty, but is the originator of religious liberty. Neither Catholic history or present-day world facts sustain them in this contention.

The representative of Italy at the Baptist World Alliance said, "We are not bothered by the Fascist State. Our difficulty grows out of the opposition of the Catholic Church in Italy. If it were not for the Fascist State giving us freedom to worship we do not know what would happen."

Another case in point is that of Mr. Herbert Matthews, correspondent of the New York Times. During the war in Spain Mr. Matthews called attention to the number of Italians fighting with France. The American Catholic hierarchy branded this as "Red partisanism," and denied that Italians were fighting in Spain. Recently both Mussolini and Hitler asserted that they won the Spanish war.

The attitude of the Catholic Church has always been that, whenever the interest of the Catholics is involved they forget all about religious liberty or any other kind of liberty. Religious freedom for the Catholic Church is freedom to support Catholicism; not freedom to support any other religious faith. Let our people in America remember that through all the past centuries the Roman Catholic hierarchy has suppressed other faiths wherever it was able to do so. Wherever the Catholic Church has been in power it has not favored religious freedom.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
Personal Service—Mrs. A. L. Goodrich, Clinton, Miss.
Vice-President—Mrs. G. W. Riley, Clinton, Miss.

President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.
Executive Secretary—Miss Fannie Traylor
Young People's Secty.—Miss Edwina Robinson.
Mission Study—Mrs. W. A. Bell, Jackson, Miss.

Mrs. J. H. Street, 1412 Fifth St., Laurel, Miss.
Margaret Fund Trustee—Mrs. D. M. Nelson, Clinton, Miss.
Training School Trustee—Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Jackson, Miss.

The 1940 Officer's Guide is off the press and ready for distribution. Each officer is entitled to a copy. We believe this little publication will answer many questions that you are in doubt about if you will study each page carefully. Write to this office for the number needed.

We wish to thank the many friends who have been so thoughtful to send messages of love and sympathy during the past week. We wish we had the time to write each one a personal letter but time does not permit—please accept our thanks.

If you are planning to remember one of the aged ministers or the widow of one during the Christmas holidays, please send us a request for the name and address. This is an excellent way to spread good cheer.

Dear Miss Traylor;

Double Thanksgiving gives double chances for us to express our gratitude for our multiple blessings!

Last year, as a result of a message to some of our people, one of our gallant missionaries who labors on a remote and lonely field was able to give multiple Thanksgiving to the poor and needy people to whom he ministers.

Every time the wind blows shrill I think of brother Roger Pryor, missionary of our Home Mission Board, who works with the group of Navajo Indians in far away New Mexico, that northwestern section of the state where the cold sharp blasts from the Colorado Rockies sweep across the high bare mesas. Thousands of Indians, scarcely touched by civilization, huddle in mud-covered hogans and try to keep alive around their smoldering open fire. In this desert land where there is little chance for crops these people eke out a bare existence from the care of their sheep. This year, due to an unprecedented drought, there is less than ever to live on through the long winter months.

Since working among them as their missionary these people have grown to know and trust brother Pryor and turn to him for physical as well as spiritual needs. In a recent letter which I received from him, he told me that from one to fifteen come to his house each day needing—often desperately—food, clothing, or medical attention. The other day he was called to see a little girl who had stepped into a bed of live coals of fire. The flesh on her foot was burned to the bone. Warm barnyard manure had been used to heal it. This had dried into the pores of the poor child's skin, and had to be removed before he could treat the burn. This and other awful experiences occur daily.

It seems hard to believe that superstitions and pagan practices such as he encounters there could be true in our enlightened country. When I was there on a visit I myself saw things that are almost unbelievable. It is an enormous task, but brother Pryor goes in the power of the Holy Spirit, and has made great progress.

One of his successful customs is to have special Thanksgiving and Christmas services at the Farmington Mission. Far and wide the news spreads that there will be barbecue and coffee with the services those days. In wagons, on ponies, afoot, they come from all directions, some as far as twenty-five, fifty, and even a hundred miles! Last year on both days there were about three hundred present, and each year the crowd grows. He serves beans, stew, bread, coffee, and if he has it, a cookie to each one present. This is the only time during the year when many get enough to eat. Dozens of these poor creatures are insufficiently clad, so on that

day he attempts to furnish clothing to the most needy.

After they are warmed and fed the religious service starts. Through an interpreter (for only about 5% of this entire tribe of 50,000 speaks English) he then breaks the Bread of Life—often the first time to many of them. This service brings rich blessings, for always there is a definite response, and each year more eagerness to learn more about our God of Love and Mercy.

It is too late for us to have a share in the Thanksgiving service this year, but perhaps there are groups, or individuals in the state who would like to help Thanksgiving extend indefinitely in many hearts.

Brother Pryor can use all winter boxes of warm clothing, shoes, toys, dolls, medical supplies, and other such articles. Because of the distance, be sure to allow for at least a week's time for shipment. The address is:

Rev. Roger Pryor
Baptist Mission
Farmington, New Mexico

In the knowledge of your interest in all kingdom affairs, and in grateful appreciation in behalf of brother Pryor for any assistance you may render, I am

Sincerely,
Trehun Brown.

MISSION STUDY "The Way of Missionary Education" Juliette Mather

This is the book that your State Young People's Secretary and your Mission Study Leader are asking all of the ladies of our W. M. S. to study at sometime during 1940. The Officers' Guide suggests the second quarter.

It is written by Miss Juliette Mather, Young People's Secretary, Woman's Missionary Union, Southern Baptist Convention.

It is a W. M. U. study book, giving a somewhat exhaustive treatment of the young people's work of Woman's Missionary Union, designed to inform and enlist all the women in the missionary societies in whole-hearted support of the various organizations of the W. M. U.

Each chapter is devoted to a great aim: Prayer and Bible Study, Stewardship, Mission Study, Personal Service, Fostering of Young People's organizations.

Here in brief compass are pictured the W. M. U.'s plans and hopes for its young people. Leaders will find inspiration in the wealth of illustrative material.

Each chapter is carefully outlined, attractive suggestions for a brief worship service in connection with each class period are given. There are also questions for discussion and teaching suggestions.

If we study this book we will have a better understanding of the aims, ideals and all that we are trying to accomplish through our Young People's work.

The price of the book is 50c, and may be ordered from The Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Mississippi.

Mrs. W. A. Bell.

ASSOCIATIONAL LIBRARY

If we have an Associational Library, it would be well for us to add the desired number of copies of "The Way of Missionary Education," Juliette Mather. If we do not have one, but would like to start one, this would be a good book to start with. It is an important book and one that we, no doubt, will use for a number of years.

If we do not have funds from the associational

dues for this purpose, some of the societies, as they study the book, may be encouraged to donate the books to the library. It will then be the work of the Associational Mission Study Leader to try to see that the books are used by as many societies as possible.

Other books may be added in like manner, as rapidly as you are able.

—Mrs. W. A. Bell.

ONE DAY'S EARNINGS GIVEN

Your Secretary is happy to report that every Board employee in these offices in the Baptist Building has not only pledged, but paid the earnings of one day to meet 1939 Mississippi Baptist obligations. We have not heard from about four out in the field, with whom we could not get in immediate touch, but we are sure they will make it unanimous.

Now if our educational institutions, institutional staffs, board members, trustees, committee members, pastors, deacons, Sunday school, B. T. U., B. S. U., W. M. U., Brotherhoods—leaders and others will make it unanimous, Mississippi Baptists will get by one year without borrowing money from the banks. This is the only way out. Put the Lord's money in the Lord's work.

D. A. McCall	Miss Nettie Ree Traylor
Miss Bess Schilling	P. I. Lipsey
Mrs. Jane Pinnix Stone	Mrs. James Bell
E. C. Williams	Mrs. C. S. Byrd
Miss Ruby Taylor	A. L. Goodrich
Mrs. P. C. French	E. D. Estes
John A. Farmer	E. C. Farr
Miss Fannie Traylor	J. W. Fagan
Miss Edwina Robinson	Ellis Freeman, Janitor

REMEMBERING THE UNFORTUNATE "Weep with them that weep," Rom. 12:15.

The record of the dying year
Is being now completed;
So at its close we drop a tear
For those who've been defeated.

They started out with hopes aglow,
With aspirations high,
But dire misfortune brought them low,
Where they dejected lie.

The sun at first did brightly shine
Upon their favored way,
But suffered premature decline
And left a dismal day.

Misfortune fell, a fatal pall,
On all their cherished plans;
Or came disaster over all
To place its blighting bans.

Their most alluring golden schemes
Soon quickly went away,
While every living hope but seems
Predestined soon to die.

So shed we tears for those whom fate
Relentlessly pursues;
The victims of earth's greed and hate,
In all their varied hues.

If pitying could ease their pain,
Or sighs a solace prove,
We'd give them back their joys again
And heal their hurts with love.

But since we have no magic power
Their happiness to keep,
We'll sympathize in sorrow's hour;
Just sit with them and weep.

—J. E. Gwatkin
Baptist Bible Institute.

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DOING THINGS WITH THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

By J. W. Fagan

Keeping Faith With Those Who Invested Wisely

Some five hundred of our churches
have not had opportunity to do any-
thing for outside causes this year.
The fifty-third Sunday in this year
gives to those churches the op-
portunity to make a special offer-
ing to pay debt of Mississippi Bap-
tists.

It is easy to lead people away
from a thing and hard to lead them
to do some things. I want to thank
the pastors of Mississippi Baptists
who have so faithfully and earnest-
ly led their churches in the fine
cooperative spirit and fellowship
now in most churches.

The most encouraging sign
among Mississippi Baptists at this
moment is the concern of our debt
paying campaign, as manifested by
both laymen and pastors. The Five
Thousand Club is the method used
to pay the debts of Mississippi Bap-
tists.

The field worker is helpless with-
out the support and cooperation of
the pastor and deacons on the local
field. As a field worker I can never
express to the pastors and deacons
my heartfelt appreciation for the
cooperation and assistance given me
as I have labored among them.

I am dreaming of a day not far
distant when Mississippi Baptists
will be out of debt, and will owe
no man anything, but to love one
another. I am dreaming, praying
and working to see every pastor,
every deacon and every church of-
ficer an active member of the Five
Thousand Club.

Our pastors and deacons have
been leaders in the past and
we rejoice in the achievements ac-
complished, and the church is ready
to follow the pastor and deacons,
as they shall lead us to victory in
this debt paying campaign.

I cannot believe we have had too
many special collections as long as
one-third of our churches gave noth-

ing this year to outside causes.
Surely we are five hundred behind
with our specials.

I marvel at what can happen, if
an offering is taken in every church
December 31st, to apply on debt of
Mississippi Baptists. I marvel at
what can happen in Mississippi if
100,000 Mississippi Baptists give
one day's work in December to ap-
ply on our debts. I am praying for
our pastors and deacons as they
shall lead in these two great move-
ments.

I marvel at what can happen
when Mississippi Baptists begin to
pray together, walk together, doing
those things acceptable to our Lord
together, lifting together the load
that is ours. Just think of it, Mis-
sissippi Baptists all speaking the
same language. Yes, it can be done
and will be.

AROUND THE WORLD

Last May a booklet of campus
views of Blue Mountain College
facilitated the passage of Mission-
aries Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Ayers
through the Japanese lines at the
outskirts of Kai Fung on their
way from Cheng Chow to the Unit-
ed States.

The city of Kai Fung had just
been taken by the Japanese and
the Chinese were engaged in a de-
termined effort to recapture it when
the Ayers were stopped by Japanese
soldiers, quizzed, and search of their
baggage begun. All of their things
were examined except the contents
of a suitcase containing the Blue
Mountain College view book.

When a Japanese officer opened
the suitcase, he found the view
book on top of its contents. Pick-
ing it up he said in broken English
to Mrs. Ayers, "This what?" She
replied, "Girls." He then asked her,
"This where?" Mrs. Ayers replied,
"America, school girls, America."
Whereupon, according to Mrs.
Ayers, he called another officer and
together they perused the view book
from cover to cover, their faces
lighted with smiles the while. Re-
placing it in the suitcase and, with-
out examining another article in it,
the officer smilingly said, "You
go."

The Ayers are now living at 625
Pine Street, New Orleans, La.

READY FOR HIS LOTTIE MOON JOURNEY

The two little children in the fam-
ily of one of the Baptist Bible In-
stitute professors evidently had
heard much about Lottie Moon.
Their mother had purchased for
them some paper dolls with sev-
eral outfits for various occasions.

The little brother and sister had
fitted up the two dolls for their
wedding and following this had
dressed them for the honeymoon
trip, which would follow naturally.
When the bridegroom was ready
for the journey, the little brother
said to the sister, "Well, the man
is now ready for his Lottie Moon."

Evidently the children in the
Baptist Bible Institute Family as
well as the teachers and students
hear much about missions and are
just now specially emphasizing the
Lottie Moon offering.



Blue Mountain, Miss.—More Blue Mountain College girls are enrolled
this session in the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville than from
any other college in the world. Left to right, here they are: Edna
Ruth Rea, Sherman; Georgia Mae Ogborn, Meridian; Cora Mae Mar-
riott, China; Cascille Middleton, Sardis; Zenona Faust, Paris, Tenn.;
Theresa Anderson, New Orleans, La.

B. O. B. F.

Bryan Simmons
Field Representative

Two Baptist Conventions have
been held in Jackson recently and
many of the messengers visited the
Orphanage. We were very glad to
have them, to hear their com-
mendation of the new buildings and
to get assurances of continued co-
operation.

Since then the Orphanage has had
two Thanksgivings and there was
much to be thankful for on both
of them. Friends over the state have
remembered us bountifully and we
have much goods for many days.
They have likewise replenished the
treasury with many gifts large and
small, thus enabling the Orphan-
age to meet its current expenses
and also go further with its build-
ing program.

Just Listen

The old kitchen and dining room
you have heard me talk about so
much has been discarded and we are
actually eating in our new dining
room. It is wonderful, come to see
it. Friends sent in a fine lot of
hens and other good things to eat
and we had hoped to eat Thanks-
giving dinner in the new building
on Nov. 30th, but we were so busy
hauling what had been shipped in,
we did not have time to move into
the new building.

What Next?

The workmen are busy on the
central section of our Administra-
tion building. This section will pro-
vide business offices, assembly
rooms, a library and apartments for
some of the workers.

As soon as the old kitchen is
torn away the foundation work for
the chapel section of the Admin-
istration building will be completed
and then its walls will go up along
with the walls of the central sec-
tion. We hope to see these walls

up and the roof on by the first
of January.

Then What?

That depends on you. We hope
the Sunday schools will rally in a
special way and enable us to com-
plete the Chapel right away.

Remember, this Chapel is to be
a memorial to brother J. E. Byrd
and the Sunday schools are asked
to provide the money for its erect-
ion. Many Sunday schools have been
contributing regularly. We trust
that these will continue their gifts
and that many others will join
them by the first of January.

From business men and women
we hope to receive sufficient funds
for the completion of the business
section of the Administration build-
ing.

We are happy over what we have
and grateful to those who have
provided these buildings; but, in the
midst of our joy, we are made sad
by the pleas made in behalf of
children on the outside. Help us
carry on until these calls can be
answered.

"Say, Grandpa, how do you ac-
count for your longevity?"

"My which? Longevity? Never
had it—it's rheumatism that bothers
me."



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PARABLE OF PEARL
Matthew 13

Introduction. Please do me and yourself a favor, and honor the Lord as well. Put the paper down, take your Bible, and read these parables, all of them, in this thirteenth chapter. . . . Have you now read the chapter? So have I, just as I told you to do. Did you count the parables? How many are there? Mind to go back and count them? Do it now! All right. Look, now, and see what verses mark the beginning of each of them. The Sower begins at verse 3, the good seed and the darnel, or the Wheat and the Tares, at verse 24, Parable of the Mustard Seed, at verse 31, the Parable of the Leaven, at verse 33, the Parable of the Hid Treasure, at verse 44, the Pearl of Great Price, verse 45, the Parable of the Drag Net, at verse 47. So the number of the parables is seven, gathered by Matthew into this chapter, in which he is pursuing his favorite method of grouping in topics. In this chapter it is parable. The word "parable" means something thrown or placed alongside or something else that a comparison of the two may be made, especially their likenesses noted. A parable is an extended simile. Long time ago, a young preacher, great admirer of Len G. Broughton, said to me, "His hair is like a lion's mane." That is a simile. A parable is a longer simile. "The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a man who sowed good seed in his field," and then the Lord goes on at length to tell wherein the likeness consists. Now let us look briefly at each of the parables.

I. Parable of the Sower. Vv. 3-23.

This is not really about the sower. It would be better called, "The Parable of the Various Soils"; because the teaching of the parable has to do with them. All the seed sown is the same sort of seed, and the sower is the same sower, and he sows the seed in one place exactly as he does in all the others. The difference in the yield of the seed is accounted for in the difference we observe in the soils on which the seed fell.

Now, these soils represent the different sorts of hearts into which the truths of the gospel fall. 1. The people upon whom the truth makes no impression, they whose hearts are represented by the packed, caked soil of the wayside. They never even let the truth into the life. It falls upon the ear, but is gone, quickly as the devil can snatch it away. 2. The stony soil represents the man who listens to anything he hears, and springs at once to receive the truth, emotional, impulsive, but just as quick to quit, to give over, because he is shallow of heart. 3. The thorny soil represents the heart hungers after the things of the world, the material, the things which minister to the desires

of the flesh and the pride of life. 4. The good soil represents the heart which in sincerity receives the truth, holds it, and gives it play and power in the life.

You may say that the sower is anyone who teaches, preaches, publishes, the word of truth. In the parable nothing is said as to the causes of the differences between the classes of hearers. What made some to be indifferent, others shallow, others worldly, and others again receptive in varying degrees? We are not told. Our business is to determine to which class we at present belong, and strive to attain unto the best class, or to remain in it, as the case with us may be. We should perhaps be able to see this more clearly if we called this the Parable of the Soils; and we do well to see to it that the soil of our own hearts is soft, and deep, and clean.

II. In the Parable of the Tares, the soil is all the same and the difference is in the sowers and the seed. Good seed were sown in a good field, but while men slept, while they ought to have been asleep, in the hours of darkness, the time the devil delights to do his work, the evil seeds were sown. The field here is the world, and in it are both the seed of the Lord and of the devil, both of them growing together. All right! Let them grow, and see what occurs. The seed of the evil one. There are just two kinds of people in this world; good and bad, sons of the Lord and sons of the devil. He that is not for Christ is against Him. But to judge them does not belong to us, for we are so apt to make mistakes.

III. Verse 44, the Grain of Mustard Seed. Verse 45, the Leaven. If you choose to think that these parables do not teach the same lesson, that is your blessed privilege. But when you have got through yapping as to what the Parable of the Leaven means, remember that it means that the influence, the moulding, transforming, elevating power of the gospel works silently, each unit, each Christian individual making impact upon the one next to him, till the whole multitude of men is changed, influenced, made different by the gospel. Of course the Lord did not mean that the whole world would be saved in this way, but He did mean what has had a thousand-fold illustration throughout Christian history, that whole communities are changed, and modified, made better by it. All right, then, have it your way; say that some men have been made worse by it. Then you have admitted that the gospel has changed men, just as the Lord said it would. You are right. He told Isaiah long ago that the effect of his preaching of the truth would be to harden the hearts of some people, but it changed them, brother; and it was the truth of God which did it.

IV. The Hid Treasure, V. 44. The Pearl of Great Price, Vv. 45, 46.

The lesson of these fine little parables is also one. A man will give anything he has for something of more value to him, however that value may be estimated. Everyone ought to feel that the Kingdom of God, the winning of a way into it, is the matter of greatest value. Eternal Life is the most precious

possession a man can possibly attain. These parables teach that men ought so to regard an entrance into the Kingdom, an inheritance of eternal life. The man who found the treasure went and bought the field where the treasure lay. The man who found the one pearl of greatest value sold all that he had and bought it.

Please spare my patience by neglecting to get quibbling as to whether the man who found the treasure and hid it before he bought the field was converted when he hid the treasure. The point, and the only point is that he wanted that treasure enough that he went and bought the whole field at the price of everything else he had. And the merchant who found the pearl, the point in his case is that he was willing to give all that he had for that pearl. And the man among you who is not willing to give all else he has in the world that he may gain eternal life, peace with God, a home in the fair heaven of God is a poor fool.

V. The Parable of the Drag Net. Vv. 45-52.

The casting of the net is the work of the apostles, the missionaries, the preachers. They gather. That is their business. They can not judge. "The angels shall come forth and sever the wicked groom among the just." Maybe it is suggested that there are degrees of goodness. The net gathers "Of every kind." This tells us nothing as to moral worth, but indicates, in a way that the

wheat and the tares could not do, that there are all sorts and conditions of men in the world. Till the net is brought to shore at the day of judgment, the bad are free to mix with the good.

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The Committee on Review of the Social Service Report at the recent Baptist State Convention in Jackson, said:

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New Sunday Schools

From January first to October thirty-first literature has gone out from the Sunday School Board to 97 new Sunday schools in Mississippi. Many of these have been mission schools, some where there is not even a building, and many in churches that were without Sunday schools.

Pastors, superintendents, associational workers, and others have taken the lead in this most important and worthy work—mission work in many places.

Rev. J. B. Dorroh, Slate Springs, recently organized a school in Harmony church and will organize one at Lollar's Grove the first Sunday in December. This will complete this work in Webster County—making a school in every church in the county. A few years ago there were several churches in the county without Sunday schools. Many of our counties now do not have a single church without a Sunday school.

A great slogan for every association would be: "Not a Church Without a Sunday School." Let's make it ours and really go to work to do that very thing.

A New Book

There has recently come from the Sunday School Board a new book for the Young People's department. The title of it is, "Teaching Young People in the Sunday School." The author is Dr. W. L. Howse, Jr., educational director, Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

The book is on the teaching division of the Young People's department, and the author's wide experience in the field of religious education, and especially his years of teaching and working with young people fit him admirably for writing this book on teaching young people in the Sunday schools.

It can be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, for forty cents plus tax.

New Standard School

Center Terrace Baptist Sunday school, Canton, Rev. J. D. Walker, pastor, and Mr. Gale Cooper, superintendent, has recently joined the growing list of Standard Sunday schools for 1939.

We heartily congratulate them and all their workers on this very fine achievement, and commend the work they have done to bring their school up to Standard to all other schools that have not done the same. We have a fine increase in Standard schools this year over 1938.

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THE BAPTIST RESCUE MISSION

By request of the Home Mission Board thirteen and a half years ago I came to New Orleans. Seven months later the first service of what later became known as the Baptist Rescue Mission was held. Since that date every night we have held a gospel service, and thousands have been led to know Christ as their Savior.

Six years ago the Woman's Emergency Home opened its doors and received its first inmate, a girl from Mississippi. Its growth and unique service have become a matter of far reaching importance to many hundreds that directly and indirectly have been blessed by it. This calendar year Mississippi has sent us twenty-seven unwedded expectant mothers, and we are never without some and generally we have several, and this year more even than Louisiana.

It is now best and it has been arranged that I shall turn over the direction of this work to other hands. Doubtless the Board will quite soon announce the election of my successor.

I am glad the Lord enabled me to have the privilege of beginning a work so important to thousands of both sexes, and yet it makes me sad to turn from it. It has become almost my very life. But I have passed my eightieth milestone, and years make inexorable demands, and I am yielding without complaint.

I am graciously compensated by the Lord opening the way for me to return to the work I laid aside when I came to New Orleans, that if helping to win the thousands of Spanish speaking people in Southwest Texas. I trust that all the friends of this work will continue that gracious cooperation that has been given to me.

It ought to be that this unique work is just fairly entering on its continuous service for the most needy and neglected among us. And I feel to hope that its enlargement with increased facilities for meeting its obligations and opportunities will be made possible by its many friends, and especially the good women of the South that have really made possible the fine record it has already made. Mississippi Baptists have been good to me, and I have many personal friends from whom I regret to in some sense lose a connection that has meant much to me and this work.

I shall be glad to share your prayers in the work to which I now again turn.

Sincerely and with a buoyant hope for all the great future, I am, your fellow servant in the Lord.

J. W. Newbrough,
814 East Polk Street,
Harlingen, Texas.

SUMMER WORK OF S. S. U.

Dear Pastor:

We are beginning to think about summer Student Revivals again! Knowing you might be interested in holding a Student Revival in your church this summer, I am taking the liberty of writing to you. There is much evidence that college students are more eager than ever to enter into this particular service this summer, so we are

certain of an especially consecrated group of workers.

If you would like us to make arrangements for one of these groups to come to your church this vacation period, I would be glad to reserve a date for the meeting. The meetings will last one week: either from Sunday through Friday, from Monday through the following Sunday or through two Sundays—whichever you find most convenient. (Please have your reservations in just as early as possible in order that our plans may be completed).

We are planning to send out about four of these student groups this summer with a program especially designed to meet the spiritual needs of young people—emphasizing practical Christian living. It is wholly on a "non-profit" basis, of course; students do it all voluntarily and only ask that the church care for the expenses.

If you are acquainted with the inspiration and blessing that these Student Revivals have brought in past years, you know that the work is invaluable. We sincerely desire to see "Christ Go Forward" in Mississippi, and He surely shall go forward through these young students.

We have also made plans for

students not engaged in revival work to teach B. T. U. study courses and Daily Vacation Bible schools. If you are interested in having a study course at your church this summer, I should also be glad to help you in this line.

Anticipating a summer of real progress for Christ,

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The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My Dear Children:

The judges have today give me their decision in our poetry contest. To say that they had a hard job is expressing it very mildly. They read and re-read and selected the better ones—as they thought—and then they'd read the entries again and decide that some others ought to be in that better class. Finally, after the most careful consideration, giving especial attention to originality, they decided that Shirley Stanley should receive the prize for the ten years old and under, and Natille Pierce the prize for those over ten years. To each of these little girls, I am sending a copy of the New Testament bound in red leather with my congratulations. To all of you who contributed in this contest I want to express my appreciation. Your poems have given pleasure to us all, and I only wish that every contestant could receive a prize. I hope that you will always be as responsive when called upon to help, as you have been this time.

We are also happy in saying thank you to those who have this week sent offerings to be used in furthering the causes which our Circle sponsors. One dear lady asks that her name be withheld, but sends a gift of five dollars, another who writes a personal letter just to me also sends five dollars. To these two and to GERALD DINE TILLSON, to the Intermediate class of the Brandon Baptist Church, to Jimmie Frances Crouse, and to Billy Horne, we are sincerely grateful. Without their help and the help of others like them our work would suffer.

Won't you hurry with those stories or articles on the subjects which I gave you. Lest you have forgotten the subjects, here they are again.

A Home-made Christmas Present More Blessed to Give. (An experience)

Decorating Home for Christmas
The Christmas Tree at Our Church
Games (or a game) for Christmas.

In one hundred words or less, won't you write your story on one of these subjects?

With love,

Mrs. Frances Steele.

BIBLE STUDY

Paul Makes His Defense Before the Mob.—Read Acts 22:1-30.

When permission had been given him to speak, Paul stood on the steps where the people could see him, and motioned with his hand for them to be still. As soon as they were quiet enough, he spoke to them in the Hebrew language which he knew the Jews would understand. "I am a Jew," he said, "born in Tarsus, but brought up in this city of Jerusalem and taught by the learned Gamaliel all the laws which Moses spoke to our fathers. I was anxious that everyone should obey these laws as you are this day; for I persecuted and wanted to put to death all who believed in Jesus, binding them and taking them to prison, both men and women. The high priest and the elders know that this is true, for they gave me letters to the Jews at Damascus that I might go and bind the Christians whom I found there and bring them to Jerusalem to be punished. But on my way to Damascus, as we drew near the city, about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light around me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying 'Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?' I asked 'Who art thou, Lord?' and He answered, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth whom thou persecutest.' The men who were with me saw the light and heard the voice but they did

not understand the words. Then I asked 'What shall I do, Lord?' and the Lord answered 'Arise and go into Damascus and there it shall be shown you what you shall do.'

"I could not see, because the brightness of that light had blinded me and had to be led by the hand into Damascus. There, a disciple named Ananias, who feared God and was well thought of by the Jews came and stood by me and said, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight.' Immediately I could see. He said to me, 'God has allowed you to see Jesus and hear His voice, so that you may be His witness to all the nations about Him.' Later, when I was in Jerusalem in the temple, I saw Jesus in a vision and heard His voice saying, 'Make haste; go quickly out of Jerusalem for the Jews will not believe you here when you tell them about me, and I will send you far away to preach among the gentiles.'"

(Continued Next Week)

Magee, Miss.

November 30, 1939.

My Dear Mrs. Steele:

The Children's Page of the Baptist Record is the first page I read. I enjoy it so much. I want to tell you of a missionary friend of India. I have been corresponding with her for several years. Her name is Miss Inez Kreiss and she is a Baptist, graduate of the John Brown University of Siloam Springs, Ark. Several years ago she volunteered to go to India. She has been home once on vacation. On her way back to India she visited the University and during the Chapel period told of her work. She went there to give a tithe, as she has always given part of her tithe back to the school. She needed \$67.76 for her fare to India. She didn't know where she would get this amount but she trusted in faith and felt the Lord would provide for her needs. The faculty and students secretly made an offering for her and when they presented it to her, and she counted it, she had received exactly \$67.76.

At this time the ships were on strike and she had to sail two weeks earlier than she expected, and she landed a few days before the law was passed that no missionary could go to a foreign country unless a mission board supported them. But she is there, and working every day, living on what her American friends send her. So far she has lived by faith, and the Lord has put the spirit of giving in hearts that have helped her in her work.

Last year they gave a Christmas program. The little Hindu and Mohammedan children, who go to the day school gave a drama of the birth of Christ. Only four little girls could speak English. Their mothers, sisters and brothers came. They sang "Joy to the World," and other songs they had learned, and the faces of their mothers showed joy, pride, and fear. They are interested and proud of their children as American mothers. So many came and listened to the Story of the Christ that never could have been reached in any other way. After the program Inez and her co-worker gave them toys which a lady from England had sent, as it does not cost as much to send them from England as it does from America. For the little toddlers she gave horns that could be bought eight for one penny; they thought that a whole lot. Inez said she "had to be wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove" to reach these people. One day Inez and her worker passed a sick man lying on the ground in front of the hut, as it was a very hot day. He was strick-

en with fever. He had never heard of Jesus so they prayed for him when they started on their journey. He asked them to pray for his buffalo as he was sick too, so they prayed for it to get well, so this heathen would believe in their God. Next day they came back by to see him. He was better and the buffalo was able to walk around. He believed on the Lord and was saved. The buffalo to a Hindu is his dependence for a living.

Hope my letter is not too long as this is my first to write.

Mrs. Tom Allen.

Crosby, Miss.

November 28, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to you but I had been hoping to write to you before. I am eleven years old and in the fifth grade. Mrs. Ruff is my teacher. There are 31 pupils in the fifth grade. I like my teacher very much. I belong to the G. A.'s. I like it very much. I read and like "The Children's Circle," too. I went to a G. A. camp at Summit. We stayed three days. I had a very good time. I have a baby brother. He is three years old. I hope to see this letter in "The Baptist Record."

With love,

Peggy O'Neal.

Iuka, Miss., Rt. 5
December 2, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write you. I am a little girl ten years old. I am in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. Virginia Foote. I go to Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. most every Sunday and to preaching every fourth Sunday. Our pastor is brother R. E. Douring of Old Ham Church and I surely enjoy going. Brother E. D. Estes held a meeting here the first Sunday in November. I enjoyed hearing him. He was a fine preacher. I am sending you an offering of five cents for the Orphanage.

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found. Call ye upon him while he is near." Isaiah 55:6.

Yours truly,

Jimmie Frances Crouse.

Paden, Miss.

December 2, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write you. I am twelve years old, in the sixth grade. I go to Sunday School and my teacher is Mrs. E. V. Ferrell. My mother is sick so I do most of the house work. I have a sister married and a brother of Memphis, Tennessee. They are older than I.

I enjoyed the services rendered by the Rev. E. D. Estes, state evangelist, here at the Baptist Church.

With love,

Dorothy Ross Nixon.

Monticello, Miss.

December 2, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write, but I am a reader of the Children's Circle. I am nine years old and in the third grade. I am named for my daddy and Dr. W. A. Keel, a class mate of my mother and daddy's. My name is William DeWitt but everyone calls me "Billy." I have two sisters, but no brothers. My oldest sister, Annette, is thirteen and Carolyn, my baby sister, is one year old. She calls me "Biey." She is a member of the Cradle Roll department, but hasn't started to going to S. S. yet. We have just moved into our new S. S. building and Mrs. Driver is my teacher. I belong to the Jr. B. Y. P. U. and next January I will be a R. A.

I am sending twenty cents, which is part of my tithe. Please divide it equally between the Orphanage and the student fund.

Your friend,
Billy Horne.

Brandon, Miss.

December 4, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Our Sunday School class is sending one dollar for the Chinese mis-

sion fund for Christmas. We earned it by saying verses and got a penny for every one we said. Our teacher is Mrs. Ora Whitley and we like her very much.

Yours very truly,

Intermediate S. S. Class.
By Joe Herbert Sanderson.

Nettleton, Miss.

December 6, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I guess you will be surprised to get this since it has been so long since I wrote to you. I have thought of your work among the dear children and would have written long ago and sent an offering but my health has been so that I could not do the things that were dear to my heart. I am greatly interested in the work being done by the children.

You will find a check enclosed for five dollars. Two dollars is for Miss McLellan's scholarship and three for the building fund at the Orphanage, to be used on the kitchen as I am greatly interested in that building.

May the dear Master greatly bless this work and may each one get a blessing out of his or her efforts.

Your Friend.

Mize, Miss.

December 3, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little girl eleven years old. I go to Sunday School every Sunday at Union Church. This is my first time to write you. I am sending five cents for the Orphanage. I go to school at Raleigh. I am in the fourth grade.

Yours very truly,

Gerald Dine Tillson.

New Orleans, La.

December 5, 1939.

Mrs. X. O. Steele

Magee, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Enclosed is receipt for the \$9.50 sent to aid Miss Annie Laurie McLellan who is this year receiving the aid given by the Mississippi Children's Circle.

Miss Annie Laurie has been greatly cheered and helped by the interest which you and the young people have taken in her and the aid given has been much appreciated by all of us. How grateful we are for these fine young people and their self-sacrificing interest in others.

We are having an unusually fine session and it seems to us who have been here for some years that the mission spirit and the morale of the school have never been better.

Asking that you and the young people will keep us on your prayer list and often remember us by name, I am

Yours gratefully

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River Avenue is a new Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, only a few years old, but one that started off right, with organizations to take care of teaching and training the membership. The Training Union has prospered under the leadership of Director Wallace J. Harrell. They have recently conducted a successful study course with a fine attendance and 54 taking the examination. They are happy over their growing interest. Last June this splendid church had a bus load of its members to attend the District Training Union Convention held in Biloxi, by far the largest group on a percentage basis that attended. Congratulations River Avenue.

An Offering At the State Training Union Convention

On Thursday night of the Training Union Convention Dr. Beall spoke of the needs of our colored Baptists, one of which was additional funds to pay the salary of the Bible teacher in Natchez College, a college owned and operated by the Negro Baptists of Mississippi. On Friday morning someone ventured a suggestion that those at the convention be given an opportunity to have a part in supplying this particular need. This suggestion met with approval and the offering was taken, \$80.00 was pledged, some of it paid then and there. Since then others have sent in their pledge. One interesting pledge was that of **Mr. Coulter, Anti-Saloon League** superintendent for Arkansas who was in the meeting that morning. He is not a Baptist, but pledged \$5.00 for the Clarksdale Training Union, saying that he knew those young people and knew they were of the kind to respond to such a cause. Since then we have received a check for \$6.00 from Miss Una J.

Tanner, director of the Clarksdale Training Union. Perhaps you were not there and yet you would like to have a part, if so send in to Mr. D. A. McCall, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., whatever amount you want to give and state what it is for.

Midway in Lauderdale County has her plans to set up a Story Hour organization right away. Mrs. B. B. McPheters is taking the initiative and we hope to have a good report of the results soon.

Duck Hill Sets Up Training Union

The Duck Hill Church under the leadership of brother and Mrs. C. S. Thomas, pastor and pastor's wife, is making progress in every way. A new church building is about complete. It is a beautiful brick building with adequate arrangements for the organized work. The Training Union has been set up. Heretofore they have not had all unions or a director, but now they are to report a new and growing B. A. U., an Intermediate Union, a Junior Union, and a Story Hour. Mrs. Thomas in reporting says "The Adult Union is growing by leaps and bounds, and I believe I have never seen so much interest among the adults." Congratulations Duck Hill, and thank you for giving us the privilege of telling others about you. Its the popular thing now to GROW.

Sand Hill In Greene Re-organizes

Thanks to Mrs. Leo Burkes of the Sand Hill Church for a report on the re-organization of the Sand Hill Training Union. They start out this time with Mr. Turman Walley as director; Jerrald Walley, general secretary; Mrs. G. T. Breland president of the B. A. U.; Mr. Chap Smith, counselor of the Senior Union; Mrs. Ralph Brewer, leader of the Junior Union. We welcome all of these leaders into the circle of leaders for the state.

Goodwater in Smith Has New Church Building With New Set Up For Training Union

The Goodwater Church in Smith County is now in their new house of worship of which they are proud. They have renewed their interest in the Training Union, and are reporting their new officers for the new term: Director, Mr. Lank Husband; associate director, Harlan Wiggins; general secretary, Mrs. Lank Husband; Intermediate leader, Mrs. Lilla Hopkins; Junior leader, Mrs. Nevel Hegwood. Under the leadership of this group we should be having some good reports all along from this good church.

We are glad to welcome Mrs. Elmo Daniel into the circle of Training Union directors. Mrs. Daniel has been elected as director of the Ripley Training Union. She is well qualified, and will have the confi-

dence and following of the entire church.

Shuqualak Reports Their New Set Up

Shuqualak (know how to pronounce it?) Training Union for this term is in the hands of Anderson Snider, director; Mary Ellen Duncan, Associate Director; Jo Snider, secretary. The Intermediate Union is manned by Miss Polie Price, leader; Walter Anderson, president; Harold Duncan, vice president. The Juniors will proceed under the guidance of Miss Doris Morehead, leader; Martha Watkins, president, and Franklin Evans, vice president. Thanks to Miss Moreland, graduate of M. S. C. W., ardent worker all through her college life, continuing that interest and service as she teaches as a profession, for this report.

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

Whereas on October 27, 1939 God in His wisdom saw best to remove from our midst our friend, relative and charter member of our church, Mrs. Florence Magee.

Mrs. Magee was a faithful member of Dinan Baptist Church from its organization until ill health prevented her from attending. She was

a devoted wife, a loving mother and kind to all with whom she knew and met. To know her was to love her.

Therefore be it resolved; that we realize in her going the church and community have lost a valuable Christian character.

And be it further resolved that we extend to her family our deepest sympathy, and may God's richest blessings abide with them.

The Committee,
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Mrs. Edgar Magee
Mrs. Jimmie Magee

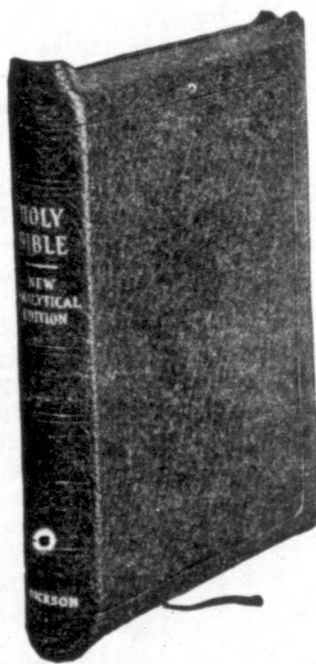
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ANXIOUS WAITING

Richmond, Virginia—(F. M. B.)—In every land where Southern Baptists are at work there are many anxious hearts waiting for news from Richmond as to the results of the 1939 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Colleges, seminaries, missionary training schools, publishing houses, hospitals, and many other missionary projects wait on the success or failure of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. One has to visit these lands and know at first hand of the heartbreaking need to understand something of the anguish and anxiety of these struggling and sacrificial missionaries and native leaders as we in America come to the time of the Christmas Offering.

The Woman's Missionary Union through the funds given in this annual offering for foreign missions provides the money for the vital and essential things that the Foreign Mission Board with its limited resources cannot provide. The funds of the Board are absorbed with salaries, travel, house rent, medical care, and other expenses incidental to a great missionary program. The debt and the interest thereon must be met, and there is little left for the building and maintenance of all the great Kingdom agencies on the foreign fields. The Board must care for the native work of evangelism and pay the salaries of the native preachers.

The Woman's Missionary Union with its generous Lottie Moon Christmas Offerings, comes in to supplement the funds of the Board in a multitude of ways too numerous to mention. The women are doing fine and needful things for the Board that it cannot do for itself.

We sincerely hope that the forthcoming Christmas Offering will be by far the greatest ever given by our Southern women. How much shall we expect and pray for? Is three hundred and fifty thousand too much? No, and we believe this goal will be reached.—Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary, Foreign Mission Board.

FOREIGN MISSION WINDOW UNVEILED

Richmond, Virginia—(F. M. B.)—The National Baptist Memorial Church in Washington is more nearly an American Baptist shrine than is any other institution. While it does not compare in elaborateness with a number of other national churches in Washington, it is a national Baptist memorial in that Baptists, both northern and southern, contributed to the cost of its construction. It was fitting, therefore, that both of these bodies participate in a program of which the unveiling of missionary widows was the center. Since Luther Rice was both a missionary and an inspirer of missionaries, it was appropriate that he should have the honor of being the symbol of foreign missionary sentiment and service. The beautiful window which is called by his name occupies a conspicuous place in the gallery of the church. It bears the name and seal of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. From its place of vantage it can be seen by worshipers who will be inspired by its beauty and its message.

The Luther Rice window was dedicated Sunday morning, November 26, by the pastor, Dr. Gove G. Johnson. After his brief but beautiful dedicatory message, the sermon was preached by Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for Africa, Europe, and the Near East. An interesting feature of the program was the presence in the audience of Mr. Robert Ryland, a descendant and namesake of Dr. Robert Ryland, the first president of Richmond College. Many Baptists know that the first Robert Ryland was an alumnus of Columbian College, for whose

founding Luther Rice was chiefly responsible.

After paying tribute to the life and work and memory of Luther Rice, Dr. Sadler preached, using the text: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

Participating in the service also were the Reverend Thomas Moody, veteran missionary of Northern Baptists to the Congo, and Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, executive secretary of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD LOSES ANOTHER MISSIONARY

Richmond, Virginia—(F. M. B.)—The strain of doing missionary work under such troubled conditions as prevail now throughout the world is taking its toll. The year 1939 has seen an unusually large number of foreign missionaries called to their heavenly reward. Since January 1, 1939, the Board has lost nine missionaries by death, the last of these being Mrs. Wesley W. Lawton, Jr. A cablegram was received on November 29 announcing her sudden death in China.

Mrs. Lawton was only thirty-four years of age and was engaged in active service with her husband until she was unexpectedly seized by a fatal heart attack.

Before her marriage, May 30, 1936, to W. W. Lawton, Jr., the son of Southern Baptist veteran missionaries, she was Miss Muriel Ramsay, the daughter of Presbyterian missionaries in China. She was born in China and had lived there all her life with the exception of her years of college and seminary training. She was a graduate of Wheaton College, Moody Bible Institute, and Hartford Seminary. For six years before her marriage she had served as a rural evangelistic missionary under the Presbyterian Board.

When she was appointed to service under the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, October 21, 1936, she was baptized by Dr. Solon B. Cousins in the Second Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia.

Mrs. Lawton is survived by her husband and little two year old daughter, Inabelle Coleman Lawton.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCES FOR BAPTIST COLLEGES

Richmond, Virginia—(F. M. B.)—The Foreign Mission Board is completing plans for a series of conferences to be held in the Baptist colleges of the South. These conferences will be under the direction of Dr. Charles E. Maddry, executive secretary, and Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, and will be conducted by representatives of the Foreign Mission Board.

The purpose of these conferences is to place the appeal of foreign missions before every Baptist college in the South and to reach those students who are considering the call to missionary service abroad. A day and night will be given to personal conferences and inspirational meetings in each college, using missionaries on furlough where they are available. It is hoped that within the next four or five months every Baptist college in the South will be reached by one of these conferences.

DR. MADDRY ADDRESSED WOMEN OF WASHINGTON

Richmond, Virginia—(F. M. B.)—The annual meeting of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention was held in the First Baptist Church of Washington, November 20-22. At the session of the Woman's Missionary Association on Wednesday morning, November 22, the principal

address was made by Dr. Charles E. Maddry, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. In an inspiring talk Dr. Maddry gave a survey of the foreign mission work of Southern Baptists in the several countries around the world, telling of the wonderful opportunities now for the spread of the Gospel and of the appalling need in every country for more workers and more money.

REV. AND MRS. W. E. CRAIGHEAD NOW IN SCOTLAND

Edinburgh, Scotland—(F. M. B.)—While we were praying over and considering the question of where to go, Dr. George W. Sadler, our Board's European secretary, came to Bucharest. Both Dr. Sadler and the consul were of the opinion that Mrs. Craighead and the children should leave Rumania because of the threatening situation. Having in mind the educational needs, as well as the safety, of our children, we decided that Scotland would be the best location for the duration of the war. So with mingled feeling of regret at leaving Rumania and of eagerness to reach a place of comparative safety, we began our journey across Southern Europe.

Paris seemed somewhat more sombre than usual. Life is now serious in France, but not melancholy. At the port of Boulogne, where we spent the night, the darkness was depressing. The next morning we boarded the channel boat for "Old England." Here again we met "preparedness" in another form; the moment we set foot on board we were asked to take life-saving belts and to put them on as soon as the boat moved. It was the first life-saver we had ever donned, and most uncomfortable it was. Little David began to cry when he saw this, thinking we were about to jump into the water. We soon became accustomed to wearing our life-belts and to seeing them on others. Finally, we reached the English shore in a pouring rain. On the next day our good friend of the British Foreign Office, Mr. Thomson, came to see us. By his kind assistance we were enabled to make suitable arrangements for our trip to Edinburgh, Scotland.—W. E. Craighead.

A RADIO MESSAGE TO MISSIONARY PARENTS

Waco, Texas—(F. M. B.)—The folks were all well the last I heard from them. Dad told me about getting a program from Treasure Island called "The Mail Bag" in which messages from folks over here were read to friends in the Orient. We arranged it so that Mother, who knew nothing about it, was listening with Dad one Saturday night (November 4) and I sent a message to them. The work in Hwanghsien has not been hindered yet, but they are having quite a time at Laichow-fu.—Charles Culpepper, Jr., Baylor University.

SON OF MISSIONARIES GOES HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Richmond, Virginia—(F. M. B.)—Word has been received from John Gordon Mein, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mein, missionaries at Pernambuco, Brazil, that he is going home for Christmas. Young Mr. Mein is employed in the government service in Washington, D. C., and he has been given a three months' furlough. He sailed December 1 from New York on the S. S. Argentina.

No finer Christmas gift could come to missionary parents than a visit from one of the children they have had to leave in the homeland, and our best wishes go out to these missionaries and their son as they are reunited at this happy season.

SOME REASONS WHY CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE MUCH CONCERNED FOR THE SALVATION OF JEWS

First of all because of a debt of gratitude.

We believe that as members of the body of Christ we should rejoice in the opportunity of fulfilling our obligation of love and gratitude to God and to the Jews; because it is through this race of people that our Bible and our Saviour have been given to us. How many of us are guilty of the sin of ingratitude toward the Jew?

Another strong reason is because of their present persecutions.

The awful conditions in world-Jewery today should stir us to action as never before, in presenting God's Word to them; if, in the face of these things, we are still unwilling for the Holy Spirit to tender our hearts in creating in us a love for the Jews; surely we are "past feeling." The time for the removal of the "wild olive branches" from the "good olive tree" may be nearer at hand than we think. It is high time for us to "awake out of sleep" and "perform the doing" of His will for us toward the Jews. It is time to show mercy to them because it is through their unbelief that we have obtained mercy. (Rom. 11:31).

The signs of the times:

Israel has been called "God's timepiece" and the "fig tree" sign as given by our Lord, indicates that the setting up of His earthly kingdom is near; "even at the very doors" (Matthew 24:32-33). Bible scholars tell us that "the budding of the fig tree" has reference to the regathering of the Jews to Palestine. Christ also said: "Jerusalem shall be trodden under foot of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" and the prophet Daniel states in no uncertain words that the Gentile world powers are to come to an end. (Dan. 2:45). We also have that great vision recorded in Ezekiel 7, of the valley of dry bones; the "noise" and the "shaking" of the dry bones was preparatory to the revival of their spiritual life, or the receiving of them to life from the dead. (Rom. 11:15).

The Jews are lost people:

It is true that they profess to worship the true God and have their religion (the Jew's religion as the apostle Paul calls it), but it is a Christless religion. I was invited by a Jewish woman to attend the Jewish temple with her. We witnessed a form of service, the Rabbi delivered a message of some sort, but there was no Spirit-given atmosphere, no songs of praise, no precious name of Jesus to give hope to the lost sinners present. Can we imagine the awful spiritual darkness that pervades the place where the name of Jesus is not allowed to be mentioned?

It is the duty of the church to evangelize the Jews:

This duty lies at the door of the Christian church because she is entrusted with His glorious gospel of grace and like Esther of old she is the only human instrument available that has the power with God to seek and pray for their deliverance from sin. More than this, according to God's promise to Abraham, the

BIBLE MEDITATIONS CONCERNING THE FUTURE LIFE

V. P. Young

Willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. (II Cor. 5:8). Where are the dead from death to resurrection? This is a question that every one of us should be interested in, because death has touched every home perhaps, that is represented in our country. The voices of those with whom we were acquainted in the days gone by have been silenced in the great silence of death. They are gone from us—father, mother, wife; son, daughter, friend; their bodies were placed away in the grave, but we did not think of the cold clay as the real person that we knew and loved. That was but the house that they had moved out of. There was no more personality to that lifeless, immovable body, that personality, that identity; that soul had gone. Where had it gone? That is the question that I wish to deal with. We are not only interested in this question, we want to know where our dear ones have gone, but we are interested because we may take the trip out into the beyond any day ourselves and we would like to know something concerning where we are going if it is possible for us to know.

Soul Sleeping not so:

The Bible makes this perfectly clear, it seems to me, and yet there are many false theories and doctrines. It is the scattering of these

blessing of individual Christians is involved in the thing. God said, "I will bless them that bless me." Who would not covet a part in this wonderful program?

Love for the Jew proves the genuineness of our Christian profession. The love that is born at Calvary's cross does not take into account that great "middle wall of partition" which is nothing less than race prejudice that exists between those people who have not the love of God in their hearts. "But now in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Eph. 3:13). Christ has abolished in His flesh this enmity "so making peace." Have we availed ourselves of the remedy for race prejudice?

Because God loves them:

He loves them with an everlasting love, a love that will not let them go. He has said that "he that touches you, touches the apple of his eye." It is because God loves them that Satan hates them and is using the godless nations of Europe in his efforts to destroy them. Every effort he has made to exterminate them has only ended in victorious deliverance by the hand of God. A friend was recently in conversation with a young Jewish woman about those Jews who were driven about in ships on the sea with no place to land. The Jewish lady asked her this question, "And, where is God?" May He send us forth to tell them that God is to be found only in their Messiah, Jesus Christ. "And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14).

Mrs. H. A. Waggener.

false teachings that serve to confuse and trouble people. One of these false teachings is to the effect that the soul sleeps from death to resurrection.

The soul sleeping theory is so inconsistent that we are not going to take either the time or the trouble to refute it at length, but we may raise a few questions:

1. When Stephen died beneath the stones of the Jews, and when he saw Heaven opened and Christ standing there on the right hand of the Father, he said, as he died, "Lord Jesus receive my Spirit." Did he expect the grave to receive both body, soul and spirit until the resurrection? No indeed, he expected to be received into the immediate presence and fellowship of Christ, and Christ stood there ready to welcome the triumphant soul of that man who died for his faith.

2. When the Rich Man that we read about in the 16th chapter of Luke died, and "lifted up his eyes being in torments", was he doing some pleasant soul sleeping? No, although his body was dead, he was in a conscious state of suffering.

3. When Moses appeared on the Mount of Transfiguration and talked with Christ, did that indicate that Moses was soul sleeping? No, it proved that Moses was in a conscious living state.

4. When Jesus said to the thief on the cross, "Today shalt thou be

with me in Paradise," did he mean that the thief would pass into an unconscious sleep from which he would not awake until the resurrection? Of course not. He meant just what he said, that the thief, who had just been saved, was going to Paradise with him.

5. When Paul said, in II Cor. 5:8 that he was willing to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord, he certainly did not mean that he was willing to be in an unconscious, unknowing, unthinking, dreamless sleep in the grave. He meant just what he said, that he was willing to die in order that he, his soul, might go into the presence of his Lord.

We could bring a great many other arguments to prove that the soul does not sleep from death to resurrection, but would be wasting time, for none have ever been able to get around these things that have just been cited, and we might just as well say that none ever will.

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TIDINGS FROM THE MOUNTAIN

The annual series of services of Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church were held from the twenty-seventh of November through the third of December. The result was a real revival, for which we are thanking our God. Dr. J. Norris Palmer, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, brought the messages at each service, and Rev. J. Felix Arnold, assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church, McComb, led the singing and rendered inspiring solos. Dr. Palmer was born and reared in Blue Mountain and brother Arnold's home town is Shannon, about fifty miles from here. These two consecrated servants of God rendered an excellent service to our Lord in the section of our state which gave them to the world. Dr. Palmer preaches the gospel with clearness and power and the work of brother Arnold is superior in quality.

On the thirteenth of November, two of our members, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, Sr., observed their sixtieth wedding anniversary; and on the sixteenth of December, two more of our members, Mr. and Mrs. George Dean, are expecting to observe their sixtieth wedding anniversary. The blessings of God have been on these two couples and they have been faithful to Him. Those who are inclined to love lightly, deal selfishly, and find fault easily have much to learn from these two couples.

The death angel has visited our church membership twice within the past two weeks removing from it two of our very best members. Mrs. J. O. Reaves, wife of one of our deacons, was called to her reward on the twenty-sixth of November; and Mrs. J. E. Buchanan, Sr., wife of Dr. Buchanan, was called to her reward on the third of December. Dr. Buchanan, now retired, was for a long time a powerful and prominent gospel preacher, and Mrs. Buchanan contributed in a large way to his success. Mrs. Reaves and Mrs. Buchanan each left a rich heritage to their companions, their children, and their friends. It was an inspiration to have the privilege of being their pastor.

J. S. Riser, Jr.
Blue Mountain, Miss., Dec. 9, 1939.

THANKSGIVING AT M. W. C.

Thanksgiving possibly meant more to students on the Mississippi Woman's College campus this year than ever before. From year to year, the Y. W. A. has sponsored Thanksgiving baskets for needy families in the community. But during this Thanksgiving season, the B. T. U. sponsored it, and as a result, there were baskets given, from each of the college unions.

It is through such mediums that the students at Woman's College are giving. Each student who had a part in this offering has already felt the joy and happiness that comes as a result of sharing willingly and cheerfully.—Cleo White, B. S. U. Reporter.

MISSIONARY DAY AT SOUTHWESTERN

Dr. M. T. Rankin, secretary of the Orient for the Foreign Mission Board was the chief speaker at the second Mission Day of the year at Southwestern Baptist Seminary. Dr. Rankin addressed the students, faculty and friends on the subject "Ready to Meet the World of Today." Rev. Walter Kaschel, a native of Brazil who has been studying here for the past two years gave some impressions of this country and his plans for the future. Rev. Kaschel, secretary of the Training Union in Brazil, and Mrs. Kaschel will return to their native land in February.

Rev. Frank Means, acting Professor of Missions, was in charge of the program and read some correspondence from two missionaries who have recently gone to the Orient—Dr. Baker James Cauthen, former pastor of Polytechnic Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, now in North China, and Rev. H. B. Ramsour, who graduated from the Seminary in 1938 and who was pastor at Comanche, Okla., prior to his going to Japan.

Dr. Rankin, a native of South Carolina and a graduate of Wake Forest College and Furman University and the Southern Baptist Seminary, went to China in 1921. He has been Oriental secretary since 1935, which requires that he spend three years in the Orient and one year in America working with the Foreign Mission Board. Dr. Rankin witnessed the invasion of the Japanese in Shanghai and the evacuation of the Chinese two years ago. His home in the French Concession of the International Settlement was a refuge for the faculty of the University of Shanghai. For several days his home was in the direct line of fire of the Chinese defenders who were shelling the Japanese troops on the border of the International Settlement. Shortly after the invasion of the Japanese when the faculty and students who were living at the University in the month of August found themselves cut off from the protection of the International Settlement, they organized a small autocade and traveled the ten miles through the fighting area to Dr. Rankin's home. One of the American missionaries had to approach a Japanese sentry at frequent intervals for permission to pass. The trip which required from six to eight hours was no less than miraculous considering the constant danger of shell fire.

THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Because of the confusion about which day would be Thanksgiving day and misunderstands about railroad transportation, some churches did not get their offerings in to the Baptist Orphanage.

I will have the privilege of loading my car on the 23rd of December with boxes of provisions for the Orphanage from Burnsville Church, Mt. Moriah, and New Prospect and \$5.00 in cash. Other churches could make their offering yet and I hope they will.

The Burnsville Church has a good B. T. U. operating under the leader-

ship of Mrs. Dr. A. H. Montgomery, with 55 enrolled and 46 daily Bible readers. They have three definite resolutions for this year's work, namely: First, read the Bible every day. Second, give thanks unto God every day. Third, bring the tithe to the church "As the Lord hath prospered them." May many others follow this good example.

We had a good revival meeting at New Prospect Church last week. I am with Mt. Vernon Church, Tishomingo County this week in a revival meeting. Please pray for me. I am enclosing ten new subscriptions for The Baptist Record, from New Prospect Church. Others to follow next week.

E. D. Estes, Evangelist.

S. S. ATTENDANCE DEC. 10

Jackson First Church	1173
Jackson Calvary Church	1011
Jackson Griffith Church	657
Jackson Parkway Church	414
Jackson Southside Church	89
Jackson Van Winkle	120
Meridian 15th Avenue	339
Hattiesburg Immanuel Church	227
Vicksburg First Church	512
Enterprise Church	79
Springfield Church	109
Crystal Springs Church	320
West Laurel Church	517
Meridian First Church	626
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Jackson Calvary Church	180
Jackson Griffith Church	366
Jackson Parkway Church	254
Jackson Southside Church	63
Meridian 15th Ave. Church	339
Hattiesburg Immanuel Church	130
Vicksburg First	230
Enterprise Church	36
Crystal Springs Church	122
West Laurel Church	267
Glenfield Church	93
New Albany (Dec. 3)	100

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